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ULTIMATELY, Roy Seiders says, "life is about having a good time doing what you love."

For Roy, a guy who's so wild about fishing that he joined with his brother to invent Yeti—a cooler strong enough to stand on while casting a line—outdoorsy endeavors dominate his list of loves. But tarpon and whitetails share time with another activity near and dear to his heart: hanging out with family and friends. That devotion is evident in his and wife Kathi's new house in Austin.

"The thing that was most important to us was having a welcoming home," Kathi says. "We wanted a place that's accommodating for our family and for company—we're always having people over." Serendipitously, family includes the couple's sister-in-law, Emily Seiders of Austin's Studio Seiders design firm, just the person to pull together their interiors.

"Roy joked that, like his business, the decorating project had to have core values," Emily says. "We laughed about it, but really, the things he talked about—everything being timeless, comfortable, durable, and functional—did guide my design. They need a house that's beautiful but also very livable, warm, and inviting."

For this family, nothing is more inviting than nature. So, Emily pulled natural elements inside to create a calm, comforting, tactile environment. "I wanted rooms to feel good rather than have them

**Gathering zone** A smart floor plan lets gatherings easily flow from the kitchen to the dining nook and family room, then out to the patio. **Entry** Designer Emily Seiders and architect Ryan Street envisioned the look for the paneled doors, which they had custom-made by Maverick Doors in San Antonio. **Preceding pages** Metal-and-glass doors by Rehme Steel Windows & Doors of Spicewood, Texas, blur the lines between the living room and courtyards.