



## SUMA DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PRESENTS THE CAMBRIDGE III MODEL

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When Mark Sumada talks, people naturally want to listen. After all, he has an expressive voice that lends itself to embracing creativity and courageously coloring outside the lines when it comes to crafting that perfect luxury/contemporary home. Most important, however, is that Mark prefers that his home designs speak his professional language, but with an accent on the style that is unique to each homeowner.

It's no surprise, either, that Suma Design and Construction, based in Smithville, Missouri, has been the recipient of multiple awards, including Pick of the Parade and the American Dream Award. For Mark, however, the real trophy is not something he can display on a book shelf or hang from a wall. It is something much more personal.

"The real reward for us comes in the people for whom we build," he noted. "We enjoy seeing the smiles on their faces as we customize a home exactly to their tastes."

As a custom home builder, Mark knows precisely how to tailor the ideas of a client and partner them compatibly with some of his own designs. A creative mind rarely found in neutral, Mark enjoys bringing to life new ideas and is more than willing to take his plans and modify them to adapt to the vision of his clients. When clients partner with Sumada, the options are practically limitless.

Among the company's exciting floor plans is The Cambridge III, which is definitely turning heads. This two-story model can be found in the Overland Ridge subdivision in Kansas City, Missouri.

Its stone and stucco front comfortably greets you as you enter the front door and absorb the contemporary styling that dominates the 2,350 square-foot design. The open floor plan suggests a perfect

venue for entertaining guests, and the impressive 18-foot ceiling in the great room definitely lends itself to a grand and spacious feeling.

One of the hallmarks of the home is its over-sized master suite. Located upstairs, this L-shaped retreat is the perfect place to unwind



at the end of a long day. The stylish master bathroom enjoys an upgraded tile package, has a large walk-in shower and a relaxing free-standing tub. Vessel bowl sinks complete the ambiance. A laundry room is easily accessed through the master closet. Just outside the master suite is a cat walk overlooking the great room below. Two additional bedrooms and bathrooms are also located on this level. The main level offers a fourth bedroom that can also serve as an office.

The conversation piece in the kitchen is the unforgettable center

island boasting a marble countertop, evidencing Mark's innate ability to take risks without fear of failure.

"When you see the marble, you definitely know it's one-of-a-kind," he smiled. Other features in the home include a 12' x 15' covered porch and deck, a raised floor-to-ceiling fireplace in the great room, and numerous indirect lighting features.

But such an outside-of-the-box idea is all a part of Mark's charm and appeal, as he often paves the way for incorporating unique ideas into a Midwestern residential palette. Further, no matter the price tag of the home, clients understand that attention to detail does not change.

"We put the same materials and ideas into a \$250,000 home just like we do with our million dollar homes," noted Mark, who designs the homes and also coordinates the tile, granite and paint colors.

Suma Design and Construction is known for its strong reputation for quality, honesty and creativity. With a solid portfolio of experience within the construction industry, Mark brings more than 40 years of experience to the table and is familiar with all phases of construction.

While studying at the University of Kansas School of Architecture, Mark actually began his career while in college remodeling historic homes in Lawrence, Kansas. Mark also supervised many new home framing crews during that time. While he spent appreciable time focusing in traditional home styles and then transitioning to the Tuscan style, Mark soon found himself in the contemporary arena.

"Customers began asking me if I could build contemporary-style homes," Mark recalled, who built and designed contemporary homes while in college, but discovered then such a style was not ready to

dot the Midwestern landscape, where traditional designs usually took center stage.

After building a contemporary home for a customer about five years ago, it was apparent to Mark he had an audience, and soon thereafter clients began to knock on his door. As his contemporary homes began to find their footing in the metro area, it wasn't long before many more potential home buyers took notice and Mark soon found his niche. Working alongside his son Ben, Mark enjoys meeting with new clients and can be found on the job sites daily. His homes start around the \$400,000 price point and go up from there into the million-dollar+ range.

His creative wheels constantly in motion, Mark enjoys the motivation new sparks of creativity afford him and embraces unbridled enthusiasm when it comes to his craft.

"We are currently working on a new and refreshing product that still has a contemporary frame of mind to it," he smiled. "However, our values have not changed. We still adhere to quality, energy efficiency and style, and we build each home as if we were going to live in them ourselves."



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