



narin-gill residence

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Project Description

The Narin-Gill Residence is located in the Beverlywood neighborhood in Los Angeles. The clients are a family of five including three young children. The lot is narrow and deep, with the neighbors' houses close to the new structure. The new house is organized around a bright circulation spine, taking advantage of sky views and light while maintaining privacy from the neighbors. The spine separates public and private spaces with crossover in a couple of locations. The casual family areas, including the kitchen and family rooms, incorporate the high, light spine and the second floor family reading area connects to the two-story living room allowing views from the Hollywood Hills to Downtown Los Angeles. This intimate family space is a hub, connecting family, community and city.

The clients expressed a strong desire to simplify their approach to living in their home beginning with the overall organization of the house, especially the family areas, and ending with the furnishings. Extensive built-in shelves, cabinets and drawers replace conventional free-standing furniture, fulfilling the clients' desire to provide only seating. The client is a gourmet cook and spends much of her time in the kitchen. The large kitchen island supports her vocation and transforms along its length into the family dining table, the homework desk and an extended prep space for large gatherings. The kitchen and connected family spaces are the "heart" of the house.