

# Rocky home front

 **openhouse:** a peek inside shop owners' homes



**Ron Werner, left, and his partner, Jim Hering,** relax in the family room of their home in Riverfront Park with their dogs, Zach, left, and

Lucy. They filled the three-story townhouse with furnishings from their business, HW Home.

# A world of choices

International flair distinguishes couple's eclectic house and HW Home stores

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In a perfect world, our homes would be filled with artifacts and eclectic accessories from travels to exotic spots around the world.

We'd outfit our spaces with tapestries from Tibet, glasswork from Italy and silk furnishings from Asia. But few of us can afford the time or money to travel to these locations. For those of us whose journeys rarely take us beyond the state line, there's HW Home.

For eight years, owners Ron Werner and Jim Hering have spanned the globe to outfit the homes of Colorado's most discerning residents with a mix of contemporary casual home furnishings that are as livable as they are exotic.



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► **HW Home's Cherry Creek store** is one of three in the metro area. Others are at Flatiron Crossing and Pearl Street in Boulder.



**A chandelier made of shells**, also in inset photo at left, presides over the dining room. Werner and Hering's taste flows in exotic yet casual décor from around the world.

## The store

- **HW Home**
- **Cherry Creek:** 199 Clayton Lane; 303-394-9222
- **Boulder:** 1941 Pearl St.; 303-545-0320
- **Flatiron Crossing:** 1 W. Flatiron Circle; 720-887-1223

## The home:

- **What:** Tee-story brownstone of Ron Werner and Jim Hering
- **Where:** Perfront Park
- **Built:** 20
- **Architect:** Humphreys Poli
- **Developer:** East West Partners
- **Size:** 5,600 square feet

# Home: Each room designed to complement the next

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With three locations in the Front Range, HW Home has become the destination for interior designers and home style aficionados alike.

"For us, our home is our cocoon," says Werner, co-owner of the stores. "It's a place that should be peaceful and never pretentious. We believe our home should be as comfortable for a pajama party as it is for a cocktail party."

The Riverfront Park home owned by Werner, 43, and Hering, 40, is filled with a collection of their stores' furnishings and accessories.

Through the entrance, a towering 40-foot staircase zigzags up three stories. The 5,000 square feet of space includes multiple balconies, patios and even an elevator.

A far cry from the more traditional brownstones familiar to the East Coast, the floor plan is open and spacious. From the entryway, visitors will catch glimpses of dark woods and lavish silk drapes. Light filters through wheat-colored linen sheers that hang in front of massive windows, some of which span the entire three-story residence.

The main living space is made up of a formal sitting area and dining room; a more casual living space, breakfast nook and kitchen are tucked in back.

Cherry wood covers the floors on all three levels. From the first to the third floor, each room is meticulously styled. Werner and Hering have balanced contemporary styling with a world-traveled flair.

"For us, it was important to have consistency and balance in our environment," Werner says. "Each room needed to flow into the next with a consistent color palette and texture."

"At the same time, it was important to keep the design fresh by integrating the modern elements and accessories."

This overriding theme stretches into every room. Whether it is an anchor piece by Mitchell Gold and Thomas O'Brien, an upholstered Oly Studio Jonathan ottoman or a carefully positioned Tibetan rug, balancing the familiar with the unexpected adds to the intrigue and makes each space feel warm and inviting.



▶ A mercury glass lamp rests on a side table of resin and concrete beside a vase of flowers.

▶ The living room reflects the couple's worldly tastes. The rug is from Nepal, the granite and iron coffee table is from Italy and the limited-edition etchings are from London.



## Decorating tips

- White or muted-tone walls allow you to bring color into your environment with furnishings.
- Accessories should be the epitome of eclectic. Never buy a set of anything. Instead, collect accent pieces and pillows that complement but never match.
- Consistency of color and texture throughout a home creates balance and peace.
- Infuse natural elements into your home to add texture and intrigue.
- Balance contemporary elements with warm, natural textures of rugs or wood floors.

◀ This bedroom features a wall of gold-painted wood blocks and a Jamie Young lamp on the side table.

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