

THE FISHER PROJECT

GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF A SPECIAL WOODHOUSE PROJECT IN ROME, GA

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HOME DETAILS

This Woodhouse timber frame home spans 4,481 square feet and boasts amenities like an elevator, a sauna, a dog wash station, and a three-car garage. But just steps away, a top-of-the-line timber frame woodshop showcases a true commitment to craft, from the white oak exterior and the rough-sawn Douglas fir interior frame to the two stories of woodworking tools, projects, and workspace.



ROME, GA



4,481 SQ. FT.



4 BEDS



3 FULL | 2 HALF



THE BACKSTORY



John and Susan Fisher's 4,481-square-foot timber frame home in Rome, Georgia, features luxury upgrades like an elevator, a sauna, and roomy square footage. But to them, the accompanying woodshop (3,517 square feet) is the real pièce de résistance. In fact, it was the woodshop that started it all.

Seeking a property near their full-time home in Rome where they could build a custom woodworking shop, the couple stumbled upon a hillside lot nestled privately among dense woods. It was just the place — there was just one catch.

"When we chose the particular property, the HOA said, 'Well, we're delighted to have your woodshop, but you need to put a dwelling unit up to go with it,'" explains John.

So, the Fishers set out to build a house to accompany the woodshop. Already fans of timber frame construction, it was Woodhouse's RidgeLine predesign — and comprehensive package — that drew them in.

Features like a loft for Susan's quilting and beading and a back porch for enjoying their new property's views initially attracted them to the design. From there, Woodhouse Regional Project Manager Don Downs and Woodhouse Independent Representative Chuck Norton of TimberStream Homes shepherded them through the customization process. The Fishers had just a few changes to make: They added an elevator, to ensure easy navigation for themselves and friends for years to come, and a mudroom. (**"We definitely had to have the mudroom; we have dogs and cats and we like to**

be able to clean them before they get into the house,” explains John.) Finally, the addition of a walk-out basement helped the Fishers achieve the minimum square footage the community covenants required (3,400 square feet) without sacrificing the compact footprint they desired.

While the back porch and age-in-place amenities are nice, the two-story woodshop, situated just steps from the garages, remains the real draw to the property for the Fishers. **“The house is really a compliment to the woodshop, which is a fairly substantial, two-story, 3,000-square-foot shop,” says John.**

Clocking in at exactly 3,517 square feet to be precise, the woodshop is not John’s first, so the design was shaped by, as he puts it, **“many, many, many years of woodworking.”** The structure, replete with abundant storage, sprawling workspace, and its own bathroom, features a rough-sawn Douglas fir frame on the interior and white oak on the exterior.

Today, the property has become a getaway where the Fishers can refine their crafts and where friends and family gather. **“We refer to this house — even though it’s 5,000 square feet — as the ‘cabin,’ and we really, really like the fact that it’s very informal,” says John. “It’s very rustic. It has a warmth and a charm to it that so perfectly fits the setting and the site where we built it.”**



“The overall experience working with Woodhouse was very, very good — particularly all the people that we interacted with. They were all the very best. The workshop is what we really set out to design, and then we said, ‘All right, let’s add a house to it.’ And Woodhouse worked with us very closely on the design of everything. They were just terrific.”

- John Fisher , Woodhouse Homeowner







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