



“Collaborative and Enlightening” describes the 3-year effort by [Coates Design](#)'s Matthew and Ruth Coates in designing and building their first home. Located on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle Washington, the architect couple's endeavor was a true team effort that included design, contracting, and labor toward the finished product. The couple's sweat-equity is evident in the home's site-milled siding, movable casework, and concrete countertops.





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