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# DESIGN FOR LIVING

Nautilus Architects designed this dramatic pool house overlooking the Connecticut River near Lyme.



# 2017 WINNERS

CTC&G presented its 11th annual Innovation in Design Awards on May 23, honoring outstanding projects in the categories of **architecture** and **interior, small space, landscape, kitchen** and **bathroom design**, plus a special shout-out to **top-tier builders**. To select the best of the best, our panel of judges—architect Greg Tankersley and interior designers Laura Bohn, Brad Ford, Young Huh and Marshall Watson—deliberated over stacks of entries during a judging breakfast at Stark’s Stamford showroom in April. Read on to find out who took the top three spots in each category.

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# interior design



winner  
**AMANDA MARTOCCHIO  
ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN  
WITH GARY CRUZ STUDIO**

Architect Amanda Martocchio, in consort with Gary Cruz Studio, employed a consistent, calm color palette within this Darien home as a way to better reveal each of the carefully selected furnishings and accessories. The house's minimally furnished entryway, marked by a circular ottoman, serves as a focal point for five rooms that radiate from the space. Notable design elements include an oak and glass staircase positioned against a white paneled wall that is further highlighted by a multi-globed chandelier. Curvilinear chairs used in the dining room complement the rectilinear space, while a sculptural pendant light casts light onto the tabletop. Throughout the home, materials and furnishings are kept warm and textural.

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architecture

innovator 2  
**NEIL HAUCK ARCHITECTS LLC**

Neil Hauck Architects LLC managed to incorporate three distinct design themes within a spacious New Canaan residence and pool house. Both the main house and diminutive pool house innovatively reference the quintessential New England farmhouse that is typical of the region; the spaces within an attached garage and game room evoke a kind of modern-day barn, complete with post-and-beam framing; and the element linking the two structures is a glass-enclosed stairwell, seemingly free-floating, and made of solid American black walnut. The modestly scaled pool house echoes the detailing of the main dwelling, particularly in its clapboard siding and restrained color palette.

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innovator 3  
**AMANDA MARTOCCHIO ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN**

This century-old home on Darien's waterfront had been remodeled so haphazardly over the years that the interior and exterior had become disjointed, even dysfunctional. Amanda Martocchio Architecture + Design was enlisted to rediscover the inherent virtues of the residence while bringing it up to date for a modern-day family. New windows were installed, a warm-gray stain was applied to cedar shingles, vertical siding was added between windows, and a zinc roof imbued the exterior with texture and form. Inside, a reconfigured layout involved moving the well-used kitchen to the very heart of the home, while a new family room features a wall of French doors leading to a patio.

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