



THE MODERN RESIDENCE

Inspired Modern Homes Imagined and Designed by the Nation's Leading Architects

BELOW: The residence sits on an unconventional, pie-shaped site with a wide front. I designed the home with a backbone following the curve of the site, and all rooms are an extension of that. There are three main structures, two connecting spaces, and two front entrances.

FACING PAGE: A pool cabana offers the family a shaded conversation spot in the summer. There are also four submerged seats next to the cabana for relaxing.
 Photographs by Peter Rymwid Photography

Sussan Lari Architect PC



While some designers think outside of the box, others completely toss the box aside—that is Sussan Lari. With an insatiable urge to create, Sussan started her namesake firm after branching out from a role in a corporate architecture setting. She wanted something more, something better, and began working with a close-knit team in Roslyn, New York.

As times change, so do the needs of a family and the function of the home. The team at Sussan Lari Architect recognizes that and designs homes that make sense for today's lifestyle and fit a family's daily activities. Because of her ultra-creative approach, Sussan seeks out homeowners with open minds—the fewer rules they have, the better. She has reinvented the concept of the traditional layout, so it's best to toss aside standard notions of grand foyers and oversized spaces. Her creativity is most beneficial to a family that doesn't demand the norm.

Sussan starts every project at zero—no formulas, no preconceptions. From there, she maintains a close relationship with the client and has her hand in every step of the process. Where some architects shy away from getting their hands dirty, Sussan jumps right in. She works on a home at every stage, including the construction process, interior design, and landscaping.



BELOW: The pool functions as a three-in-one space. It has a lap pool, water volleyball area, and a lounge.

FACING PAGE TOP: With a seamless stone floor, the pool cabana looks opens up toward the house, and reveals the strong indoor-outdoor connection that appears throughout the home's design.

FACING PAGE BOTTOM: When the homeowner shared their story of winning an artistically designed paddle board by Nicole Miller, I incorporated the vibrant piece into the backyard. It adds a fun, bright, personal touch to the outdoor shower.
Photographs by Peter Rymwid Photography



“Spaces impact people’s well-being. That’s why design is so important”

—Sussan Lari



FACING PAGE: From the rear of the home, the connecting points of the home are clear. They link the home from outside in, and from front to back. They encourage the effortless flow of the movement within the layout. We used slate roof with accent copper for the roofs.

ABOVE LEFT: The floating staircase serves as the spine of the house, connecting all three levels. It is surrounded by a stone wall that extends the full height of the house and three-story window wall.

ABOVE RIGHT: A connecting passage sits above the mudroom and has views of the garden below.

RIGHT: I wanted the tea room to have plenty of natural light, so the large windows allow the often-used space to fill up with sunshine.
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BELOW: We used all-natural materials on this home. I was fully involved with all aspects of the design, including furniture and finishes. Natural stone, wood, and glass were used and I purposely stayed away from any synthetic or unhealthy materials.

FACING PAGE: The homeowner wanted the dining space to have a comfortable feel—like a piano bar. I softened the room with upholstered chairs and avoided heavy, bulky furniture.
Photographs by Peter Rymwid Photography



“Part of my job as an architect is to educate people, to help them understand why design matters.”

—Sussan Lari



"I constantly try to reinvent myself. I don't want to repeat the same design."

—Sussan Lari



BELOW: Kitchens are a common gathering place in any home, so I wanted to keep that space open and accessible. The flow of the kitchen to the breakfast room—and extending spaces—allows the area to accommodate large groups without feeling tight. It's a comfortable, smart layout.

FACING PAGE: Behind the bar is a stone slab, which ties to the kitchen, where the same stone is used on the island. The bar gives the dining room a festive, fun element and furthers the homeowner's wish to have a jazz-lounge feel. Photographs by Peter Rymwid Photography

