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Every home you build feels distinctly different. How do you begin the process of understanding a client's personal style and translating that into architectural and design details? It all begins with connection. We take time to understand how our clients live—their routines, values, and what inspires them most. Through thoughtful conversations, mood boards, and 3D renderings, we uncover their aesthetic and lifestyle vision. Every element, from layout to lighting, is then customized to reflect who they are. That's how each LUKA home feels uniquely personal and timeless.

Collaboration seems central to your work. How do you approach the dynamic between builder, architect, and designer to ensure every voice contributes to a cohesive vision? For us, collaboration is an art form. Our internal processes are designed so that every team member—from project managers and field supervisors to designers, architects, engineers, and client experience specialists—is deeply engaged in the project long before we start building. This shared understanding ensures that every voice contributes to creating a home that feels both safe and beautifully crafted. We maintain open dialogue and mutual respect throughout every phase. That synergy is what allows us to deliver homes that are cohesive, functional, and breathtakingly beautiful.

Customization can mean so many things. What are some of the most meaningful or memorable personal touches you've incorporated for clients? The most meaningful touches always tell a story. We've transformed reclaimed family wood into custom mantels, designed secret play nooks for children, and created wellness-inspired bathrooms that feel like private retreats. Each home reflects our clients' passions—whether it's a wine cellar for a collector or a serene master bathroom for reflection. These details give each home its soul.

Behind every beautiful space is a creative process. Can you share how design sketches and material selections evolve into the finished interiors we see in your projects? Our process begins with imagination—sketches, 3D renderings, and vision boards that bring ideas to life. From there, Cecilia curates a palette of materials and finishes that balance sophistication with warmth. We refine every layer together with our clients, ensuring that by the time it's built, the space feels intentional, effortless, and distinctly theirs.

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MODERN LUXURY SPOTLIGHT

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