



Ken Stückenschneider Decoration and Design:

Texas Ranch Bunk Room

It would be safe to say this bunk room isn't just a dream room; it's in what would be a dream house for any equestrian lover. Situated just outside Dallas, Texas, Ken Stückenschneider of Ken Stückenschneider Decoration and Design in St. Louis managed to create a home that flows brilliantly into a stable for a family's cherished horses. The horses can be seen in the riding ring from the bunk room window.

"The millwork is all white oak with a natural stain to keep the oak as light as possible so it would blend with the outdoor Texas landscape, and then the colors are taken from the purple and the lavender from traditional women's equestrian attire," says Stückenschneider. "In the beds, you'll also see quilting which comes from equestrian horse blankets."

The millwork is designed to replicate a Pullman train sleeping car, creating six bunk beds so the family's three children could each have a friend join them. Stückenschneider worked with award-winning Texas Hull Historical Millwork to custom build his design.

He says, "Every single cornice, door, all the wall paneling, it was all custom milled, which means that none of it is standard off the shelf: it was designed specifically for that space and appropriate for the period that we were going for including the door hardware which was made by a specialty company in Pennsylvania."

The ladders to the beds slide along brass rails. The light fixtures are antique vintage. Stückenschneider added a Platner chair he says "for a bit of modernity." 