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Windows and doors make the difference in this open, light-filled home, where seasonal entertaining is enhanced by a built-in connection to the outdoors.

Can thoroughly modern architecture still radiate with traditional Southern hospitality? Sarah Lavine-Kass and Benjamin Lavine of Stone Acorn Builders set out to prove it absolutely can with this Houston-area dwelling that mixes clean and uncluttered lines with a refreshing, open-door invitation to the natural world. "Integrating the outdoors is an easy way to warm up a sleek and contemporary space," notes Lavine-Kass. "Oversized windows and clear glass doors make a home feel friendly, approachable, and seamlessly connected to what's happening outside its walls."

The builders turned to Marvin Contemporary Studio for windows and doors that would enhance the home's minimalist design while promoting harmony with the surrounding landscape. "Windows can make or break a room, especially if you're trying to connect indoor/outdoor areas while entertaining. I love how the open,

uncluttered look of Marvin Ultimate Glider Windows in the kitchen allow the host to be part of the party action even if they're inside prepping or cleaning up."

Another favorite feature? Ultimate Casement Windows featuring cleverly concealed Retractable Screens that glide into position when needed, but fold neatly and invisibly into the jamb when not. The result is cleaner, brighter views inside and out—exactly the kind of stunning sight line that contemporary design demands.

The Marvin Bi-Fold door stylishly and effortlessly folds to one side, instantly expanding your entertaining space while cultivating a relaxed, free-flowing atmosphere.

"This home is filled with great entertaining spaces. From the open, uninterrupted views to the abundance of fresh air and natural light, I think the windows and doors have a lot to do with that."

~ Benjamin Lavine



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