



## BRICKYARD HOUSE

📍 Chicago, IL

### CHALLENGE

Provide privacy from the street while allowing views and light to pass through

### RESULTS

Custom wedge shape brick screen wall created

### BRICK SIZES

Emperor 4x2¼x16

Custom Wedge Norman 4x2¼x12

Thin Norman 5/8x2¼x12

### BRICK COLOR

Midnight Black Smooth

### ARCHITECT

dSPACE STUDIO Chicago

### MASON

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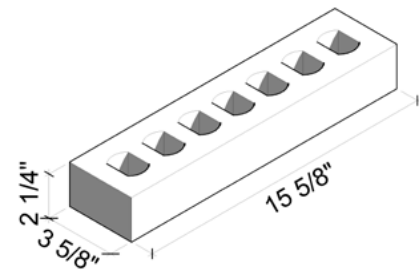
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# Black Custom Brick is Used To Create a Modern Chicago Home

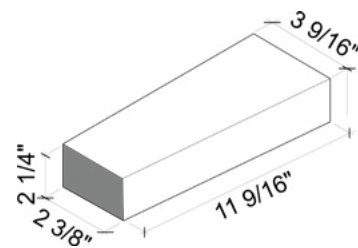
This urban residence was designed for a couple who were interested in pushing architectural boundaries to create a unique and personal space for their family home. Early in design development brick was selected as the primary building material for its warmth and durability, as well as to pay homage to Chicago's great tradition of building homes with brick.

### CHALLENGE

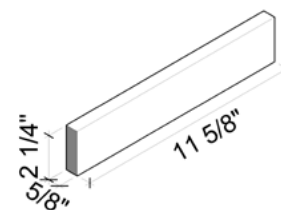
The architect was searching for the perfect dark color of brick to enhance the interior and exterior of the home. The entrance included a screen wall that creates a layer of privacy between the home and city street, while allowing views and light to pass through. Traditional rectangular bricks laid at an angle would leave gaps behind the wall. This would require the mason to create a special jig, slowing down the laying process, and greatly increasing labor costs.



**Emperor 4x2 $\frac{1}{4}$ x16**  
Long low brick enhance horizontality.



**Custom Wedge  
Norman 4x2 $\frac{1}{4}$ x12**  
Custom trapezoidal brick were used to create the woven texture in the screen wall.



**Thin Norman  $\frac{5}{8}$ x2 $\frac{1}{4}$ x12**  
Used on the fireplace to serve as the focal point of the livingroom.

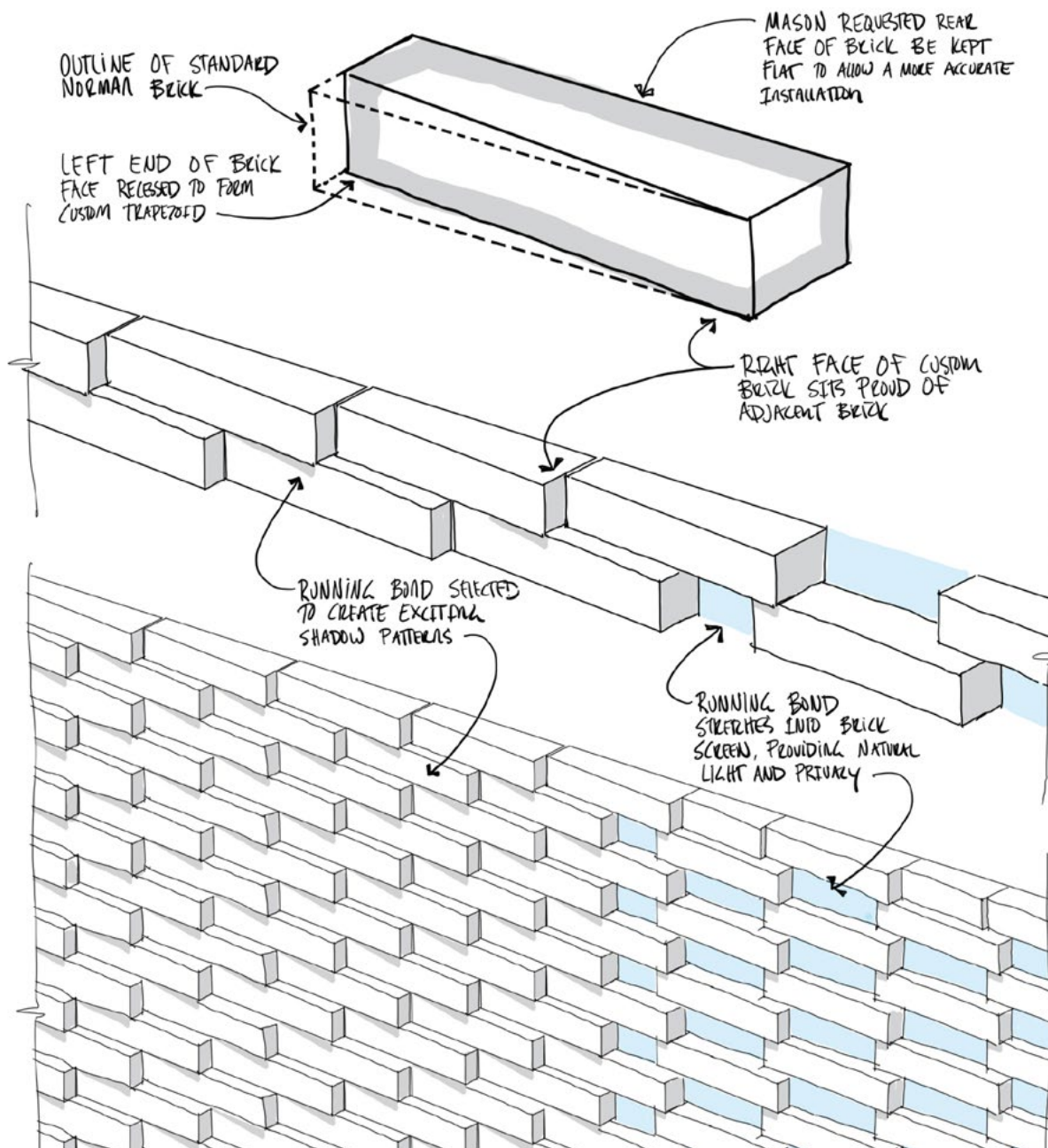


## CREATE TEXTURE

dSpace wasn't satisfied  
to push a plain  
wall forward.

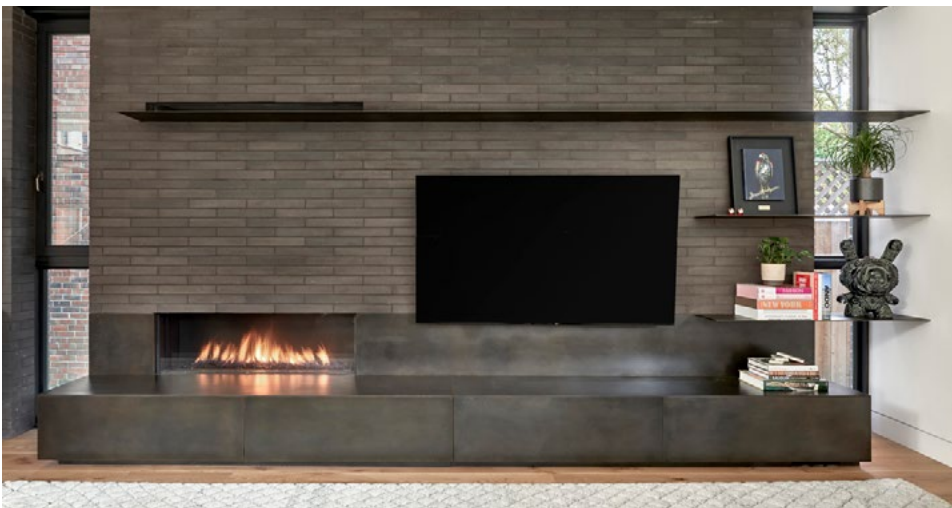
# An Entrance That Pops

For the entrance, dSpace designed a screen wall that pops out from the front facade. The pop out allows for a more private entrance while expanding the interior space and maintaining the front yard. The architect also planned for a perforated brick screen that would allow light in while maintaining privacy from the street.





DSpace selected Midnight Black in a smooth texture for its rich, dark, charcoal color.



## SOLUTION

DSpace selected Midnight Black in a smooth texture for its rich, dark, charcoal color. The neutral color allowed the architect to be a little more playful without being overwhelming. The black brick also provides a beautiful background for plants and trees.

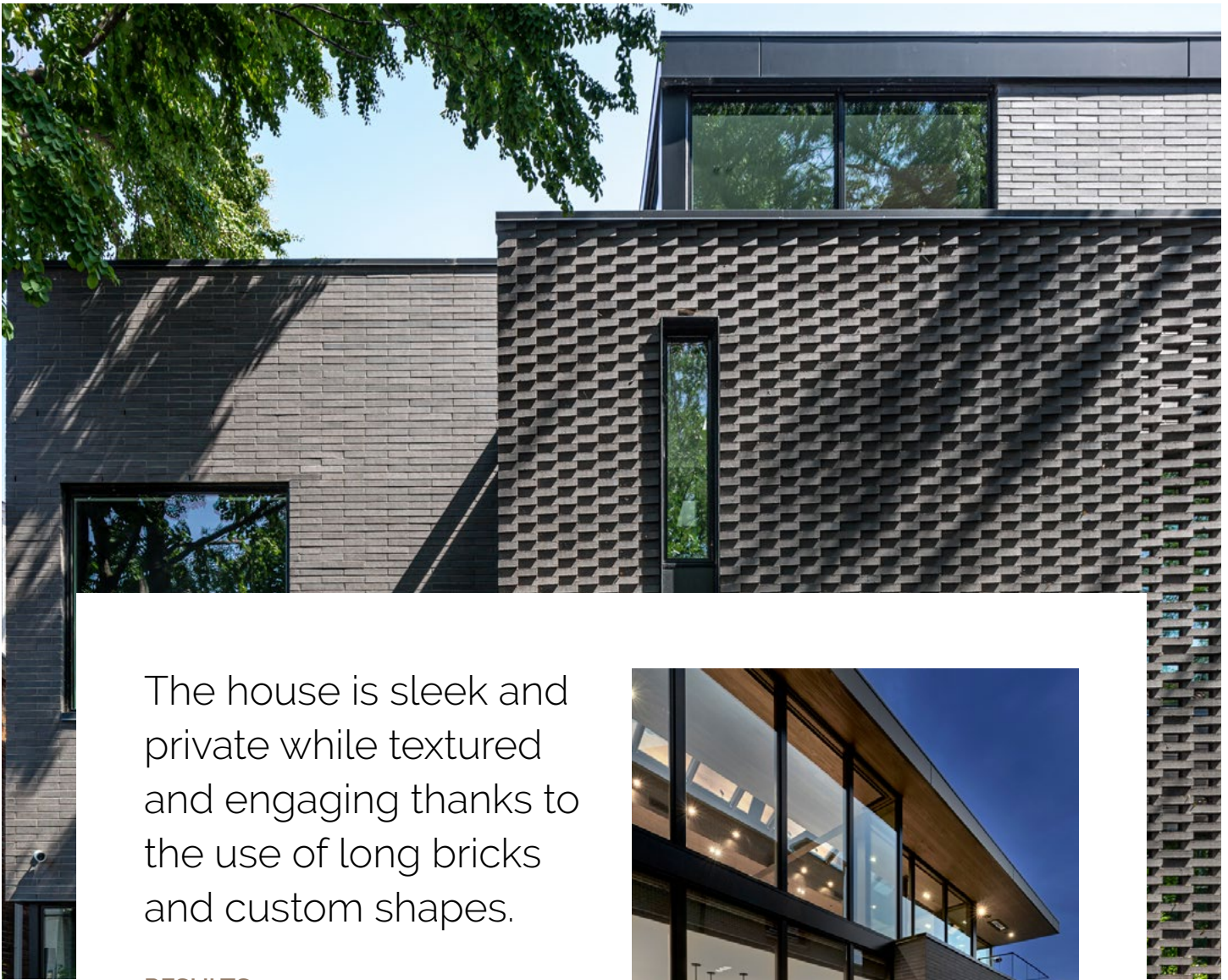
For the brick screen wall, Interstate crafted a custom trapezoid shape with an angled face and flat back. The flat back made the laying of each brick quicker and the angled front created the woven textured effect at a

consistency that would not have been possible with a rectangular brick. The custom shapes were offset from one another to create the perforation in the screen wall, and 4 x 2¼ x 16 Emperor brick were used along the square forms to add a sense of horizontality.

On the interior, the long bricks carry through the space, sleek and dark against the bright colors of neighboring materials. A brick fireplace serves as the focal point of the livingroom.







The house is sleek and private while textured and engaging thanks to the use of long bricks and custom shapes.

#### RESULTS

The house is sleek and private while simultaneously textured and engaging thanks to the use of long, thin black bricks and custom shapes. The custom shape eliminated the need for a special jig, saving time and reducing labor costs. The design is a showcase of the possibilities brick brings to a modern, custom home.

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