

game on



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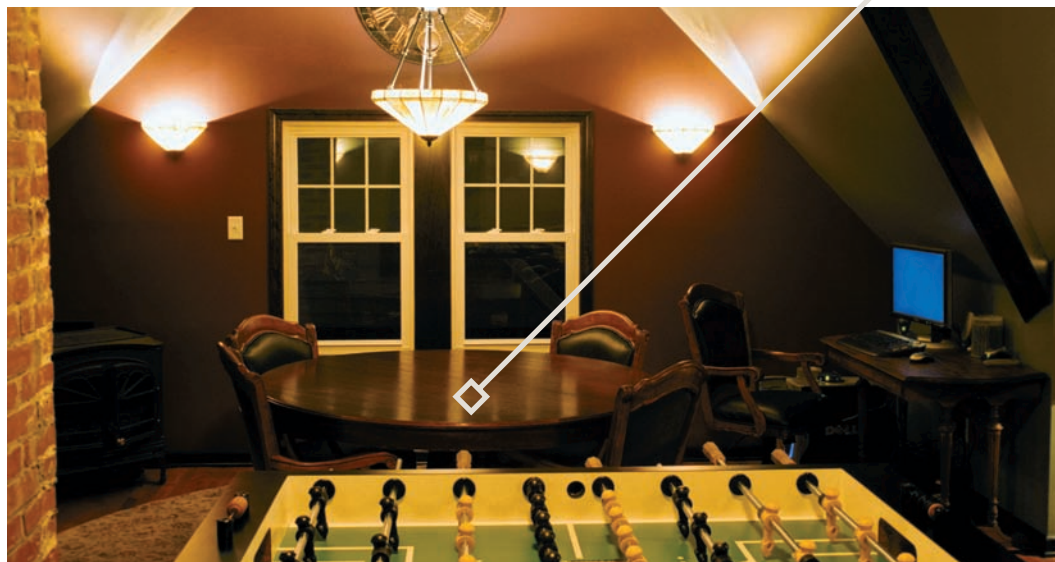
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It's the dream of many a male homeowner: a room devoted to indoor recreation, where he can relax with his friends over a game of pool or darts. Maybe there's even a big-screen TV or poker table in the vicinity.

But not too many homeowners of either gender would be dreaming *this* big. Inside the attic of a home on Buffalo's West Side, the architectural firm of Young + Wright has created the ultimate game room/entertainment center. As principal Shawn Wright explains, "The owner has a collection of old video gaming systems and wanted a space where he could both display and use them. With that as the basis for the project, the remainder of the space very easily became a gaming room including a card playing table with leather chairs, a foosball table, a dart area, and the ability to become a media room. In order to play video games or watch a movie, a full projection screen lowers from the ceiling in front of the large windows on the front of the house, which serves to darken the room."

While many homeowners are happy to insulate their attic and perhaps make it habitable enough for a playroom or a home office, Wright + Young took on the challenge of turning this steeply angled space into an enter-


Poker and foosball tables provide non-digital gaming options.



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The transformation included new insulation, new windows, new hardwood floors and stairs, new wall finishes, lighting, a motorized projection screen for movie viewing and gaming systems in the cabinets below, a bathroom, and all the interior finishes and furnishings.

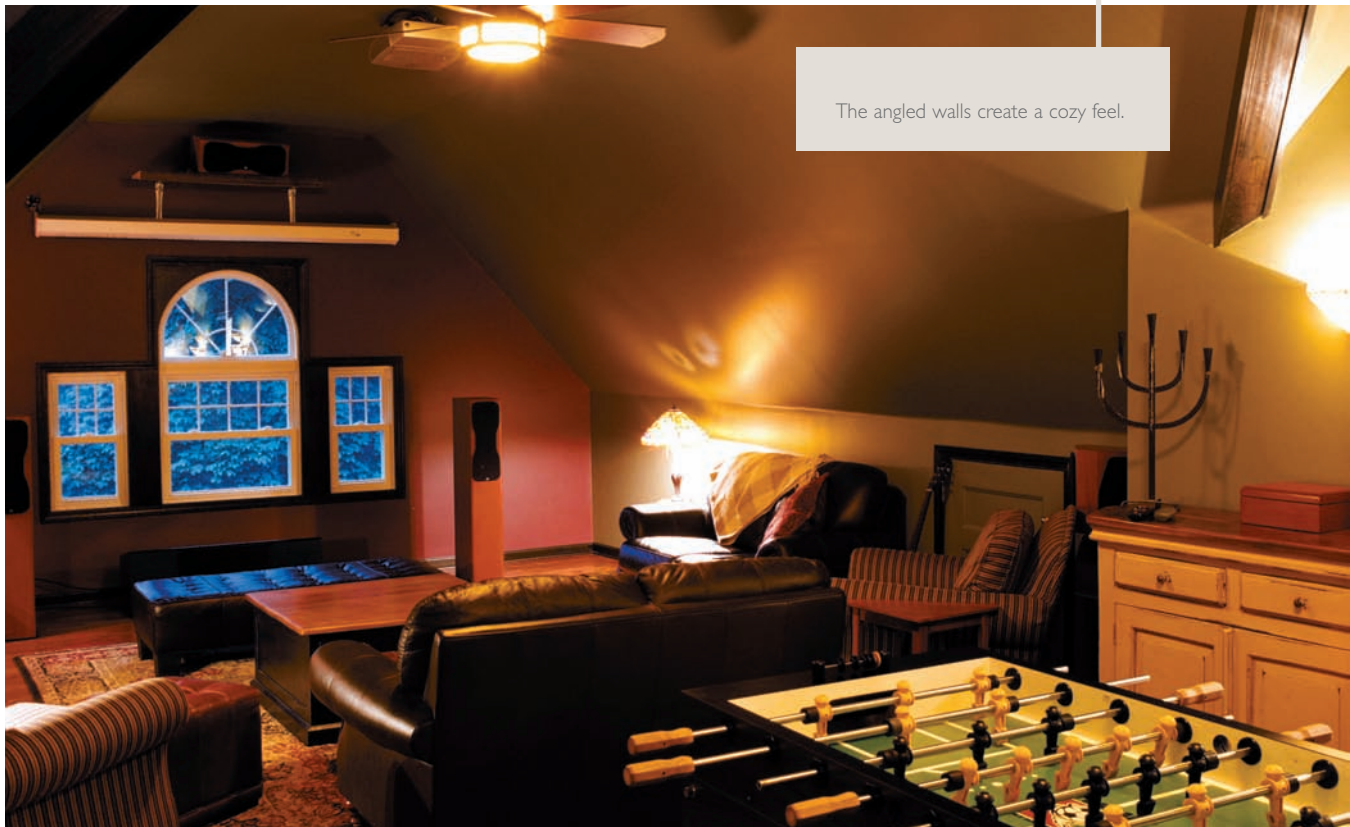
In spite of its designation as a “game room,” the space has a sophisticated feel, thanks to the use of quality woods, leather furniture, beautiful Oriental rugs, and deep earth tones on the wall finishes.

It is yet another example of the style and innovation Buffalo designers and architects bring to their renovations of historic housing, where distinguished, conservative exteriors are more than matched by sophisticated, forward-thinking design indoors. 

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The angled walls create a cozy feel.



The screen serves the double function of blocking light from the windows.

