

C The first-floor master bedroom is large, bright and comfortable.

A second, first-floor bedroom serves as Kimberly's office. A daybed converts it to a guest room when required. A third bedroom and full bath on the second floor remain unfinished for now, since Kimberly doesn't currently need them.



it a great place to unwind at the end of the day.

Open spaces and lots of light are key here, and it all starts right at the front entry, where a frosted glass door and windows flood the spacious foyer with sunshine.

A large great room rises to a secondfloor balcony above. With lightly colored walls and plenty of light, the feeling is bright and cheerful. The room flows right into a dining area, creating a living space that is both expansive and open. Like most of the house, the great room and dining room have floors of rich hardwood that adds a touch of elegance to the contemporary ambience of the home.

A large kitchen, with plenty of workspace and a breakfast bar, features low-maintenance ceramic flooring and a wealth of cabinet space. The cabinets are of a rich reddish-brown tone that complements the color of the hardwood flooring in the adjacent rooms. A host of highly efficient appliances help minimize energy use. Granite countertops in a light color continue the bright and cheerful theme found throughout the home.

At the rear of the home is a large screened-in porch that is a favorite retreat for Kimberly. "I use it nine months of the year," Kimberly said. "It's bright and breezy and a great place to spend the last hours of the day."

Behind the porch is a gorgeous swimming pool that invokes the formal look of those elegant pools used in some classic advertisements. Now that's a nice retreat.

"Kimberly really needed a place like this," her father told us. "She has a tough job. I couldn't do it for a single day; not many people could. So I'm happy that she has a great house to which she can come home."



• The master bath continues the cheerful theme of the home with a large frosted-glass window above the spa-type tub and light-granite countertops that match those in the kitchen.