



PROJECT PROFILE

1950s Cape Cod



Project Type: Remodel

Location: St. Paul

Plans for a simple kitchen renovation evolved into a two-phase major remodel of this Highland Park residence. Likely built as a starter-home, the owners' needs had outgrown a house in a location they loved. Since the real issue was not one of size, but rather of layout and flow, the decision was made to remodel rather than to move. The floor plan of the house was almost entirely reorganized. A first-floor bedroom became the dining area, a more functional kitchen supplanted the original dining room, and the kitchen was transformed into a family room. The opening of the main living spaces onto one another has resulted in a more spacious feeling throughout the building.



At the top of the relocated stair, a new study alcove provides a great place to do homework. The second floor dormer addition created a much-desired master bedroom sitting area and expanded closets. Other work included two bathroom updates and new finishes throughout the residence.



This project is a terrific example of good design transcending the budget threshold. The use of simple, honest materials that are appropriate to the scale and vintage of the house resulted in a well-designed project while containing costs. Some of the material choices such as plastic laminate countertops and Marmoleum floors allowed for the inclusion of custom cabinetry and other valued expenses. Design features include: a pantry, an entertainment center, and a built-in wall unit in the family room that doubles as a back entry closet.

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