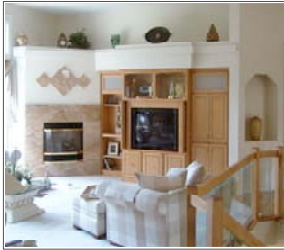




#### PROJECT PROFILE

### Modern Suburban



BEFORE



AFTER

Photo 2 courtesy of Karen Melvin.

Project Type: Remodel

Location: Orono

The owners of this large stucco house needed a drastic update to their living room. Although a fireplace was present, it was tucked in the corner and had no mantel. Rendered more unsightly by a haphazardly placed stone surround, the need to update this feature was obvious. Alongside the fireplace sat an entertainment center that was both convoluted and outdated. Our clients needed both of these features to be unified and streamlined.

The solution began with centering the fireplace on the wall, making it the prominent feature of the room. A glass mantel is gently illuminated from behind by fiber optics that are discreetly placed within the cabinetry. The tile surround is composed of one inch square tiles by Oceanside Glasstile, which are made from recycled glass and given an iridized finish. These tiles offer a stunning and variable array of reflective properties, depending on the level and directness of available lighting. Hidden within the sleek maple cabinets are a plasma TV, a surround sound stereo system, and storage for various types of media. The resulting composition fulfills all of the client's practical needs, and provides the modern aesthetics to match.