



PROJECT PROFILE

Historic Summit Avenue Condo



Project Type: Renovation & Restoration

Location: Saint Paul, Minnesota

The decorative arts are alive and well in this historic Summit Avenue condominium. Built in 1913 as a single-family residence, the house was divided into three condos, one per floor, in the 1970s. In the process, original details were destroyed and the floor plan significantly changed. The east wing was added and the layout of the west wing was altered in an awkward manner, making it less functional.



Our goal was to restore the historic architectural integrity of the interiors while adding modern amenities in sensitive manner.

With so many original details removed, restoration required substantial research to determine the original aesthetics. We studied historic building documents from city and county archives and photos of the residence, and also examined other houses by the same builder to help us understand what details had been removed. Looking beneath the 1970s sheetrock revealed evidence of transoms and other details that had been covered up or removed, as well as a beautiful solarium with elaborate brick, which had been hidden for years.



The new design work features a level of finish and detail in keeping with (and building on) the historic precedent. An updated layout includes a new kitchen in what was previously the formal dining room, as well as a new master suite in the east wing and a guest room/office area in the west wing.

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