



PROJECT PROFILE

Loring Park Modern



Project Type: Remodel

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

When the owner purchased this Loring Park area condo, the spaces within it were effectively closed off from each other, creating a cramped feel and limiting the opportunities to see the stunning view of the park and the Minneapolis skyline. A complete remodeling of the condo by our Studio made it more open, creating a New York loft sensibility, and the postcard vistas can be seen from the moment you walk in.



The kitchen and living spaces now flow together, the distinction between them intentionally unclear. A lowered ceiling makes the kitchen area more intimate, but also extends partway into the living room, creating an interplay of planes and a dialogue between the spaces.



With its clean lines, smooth surfaces and rich, dark tones, the kitchen strikes a sophisticated, contemplative counterpoint to the bright lights and natural world seen through the windows on the other side of the living areas. The nearly all-black color scheme belies the true complexity and intrigue of the design and materials, which include black granite countertops, a black glass tile backsplash, black appliances, and dark red stained cherry cabinetry. The subtle, carefully-designed lighting (under the cabinets and in low-voltage recessed fixtures) is functional and creates delightful effects of shadow and reflection, bringing the dark surfaces to life. Hardware is limited to the cabinetry below the countertops, furthering the clean, modern aesthetic of the space. The steel blue ceiling and lighter-toned wood flooring offer a visual contrast that is distinct but not jarring.

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