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Leap of Faith

AFTER

The homeowners, hesitant to make changes to the home their children grew up in, anxiously took the plunge and couldn't be happier with the results.



BEFORE

Prior to remodeling, walls separated the porch, kitchen and dining room, making the home feel cramped and dark.

This unique, contemporary home was custom-built for the homeowners and their growing family in the mid-1980s on a great lakeshore lot. The not-so-unique kitchen lacked modern amenities, specialized storage and all the “bells and whistles.” The homeowners knew it was time to give the kitchen a modern update, but they were apprehensive. After raising three children in the home, it was filled with memories and change would be difficult.

They were, however, excited about the possibilities, including opening up the kitchen to their favorite room in the house, a sun-filled porch. So after a reassuring design presentation, they took a leap of faith and anxiously moved forward. *Cont. on next page*



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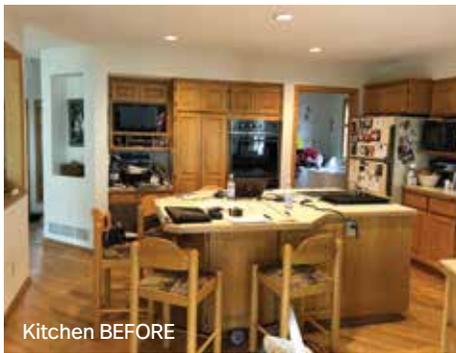
Kitchen AFTER



Specialized Storage

Extending the island allowed for more prep space on both sides while keeping the kitchen triangle separate from guests. Efficient and specialized storage was added for prep tools, pots and pans, a pull-up toaster stand and pull-out garbage and recycling bins. Home office equipment was incorporated within the island.

The island contains custom storage and a spot for office equipment after removing a desk from the porch.



Kitchen BEFORE

Most of the project's challenges were centered around the porch—a room that was close to the homeowners' hearts but difficult to work with. They wanted to preserve the home's distinct character, including the existing wood of the porch ceiling.



Porch AFTER

Warm & Natural Tones

Two different countertop surfaces were used—quartz on the perimeter and quartz/granite on the island, including a dramatic waterfall end. Quarter-sawn oak cabinetry, a painted glass backsplash and natural tones create a serene environment. Over and undercabinet lighting gives the illusion of higher ceilings. A new contemporary electric fireplace replaces an unused exterior door. The homeowners were able to maintain the wonderful memories they had of the home, while preparing for their next adventure—being empty nesters.

An existing post, which had been used as a growth chart for the children, was carefully removed, framed and given as a gift to the homeowners from Plekkenpol Builders. It now hangs in the porch.



Kitchen AFTER

Photos by Brandon Rowell

Houzz Feature | Amazing Small Baths



Our Minneapolis bath was recently featured in a Houzz editorial series profiling well-designed spaces. The theme: inspiring small bathrooms!

Size: 38½ square feet; 5½ by 7 feet

Homeowners' request: Update a cramped and dated bathroom to include a larger shower and more storage for a couple's tween daughter.

Space saver: Incorporate space from a closet in an adjacent bedroom to expand the footprint by about 4½ square feet.

Style point: Black ceramic sconces original to the hundred-year-old house set the tone for the color scheme and other elements of the room.

Other special features: Marble floor tile in a basket-weave pattern. Subway tile with a penny tile accent strip in gray-blue and black.

Designer tip: Custom cabinetry maximizes storage in the small room. The glass-walled walk-in shower helps the space feel larger and lets in natural light from the window.



Photo by Andrea Rugg

Meet our Newest Project Manager: Amanda Reinert

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Amanda Reinert

We are pleased to announce the newest member of our team! Amanda Reinert brings eight years of architectural design and residential remodeling experience to Plekkenpol Builders. She has Bachelor of Design (BDA) in Architecture from the University of Minnesota.

"I appreciate the diverse tasks, challenges, colleagues and clients I work with daily. There is something awe-inspiring about the entire process, from the first handshake

with a homeowner, to the design phase, production and final walk-through of a completed project... all of which was once a concept and has been brought to reality.

"The design and remodeling process echo the story and personality unique to each homeowner, which is very rewarding in and of itself. I have designed and produced multiple projects from simple bathroom updates to kitchens, basements, additions and whole house remodels, and I look forward to many more."

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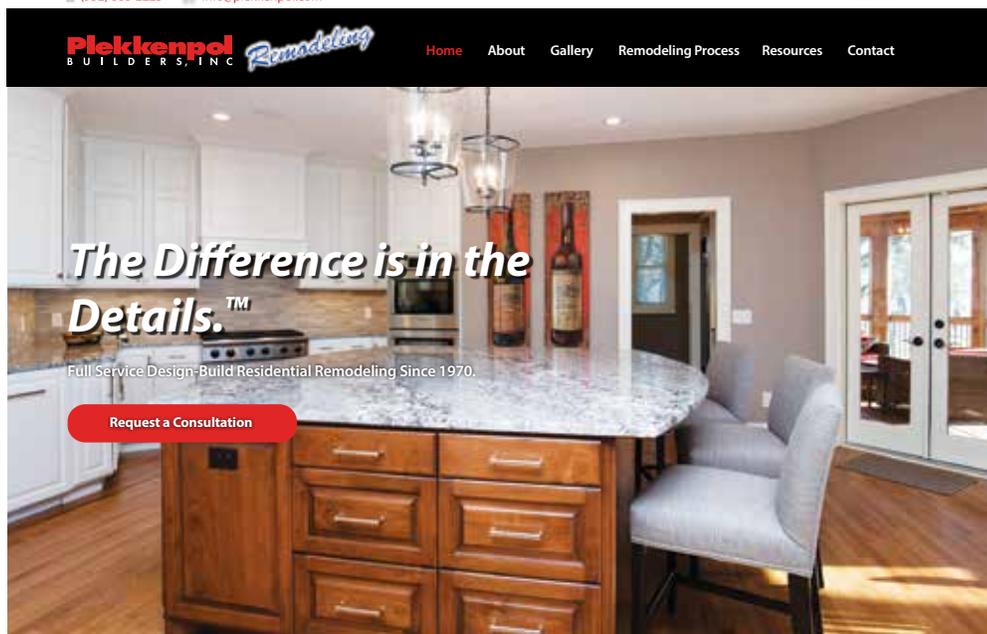
The new www.plekkenpol.com is live!

Our website has been completely redesigned to provide visitors with an easier way to learn about Plekkenpol Builders and the services we offer.

There's an extensive new Photo Gallery with all types of projects ranging from kitchens to lower levels to specialty rooms such as wine cellars and home gyms. There's even an interactive "Before & After" slider gallery that illustrates just how dramatically a remodel can change your home!

We have simplified our forms so potential customers can contact us quickly and efficiently. The whole website is more user-friendly, particularly the mobile version.

Take a look, try out the new features and tell everyone you know!



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