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## Lakeside Lower Level

With a love for entertaining and collecting, this family of four was preparing to update their lower level. The plan got fast-tracked when the “Polar Vortex” hit.



New hammered copper bar sink

The plan was already in place to remodel the family’s lower level. A cramped bar area, unused office and uncomfortable Murphy bed all needed improving. The decor was dated. The goal was to create a fun, vintage lakeside retreat, perfect for family gatherings, friendly overnights and multi-purpose recreation.

The plan got fast-tracked in January 2019. While the family was on vacation, a pipe froze and burst during unprecedented low temperatures – a “Polar Vortex” that wreaked havoc across much of Minnesota. Water flooded the basement, causing irreparable damage. Restoration and remodeling began sooner than expected, but the owners seized the opportunity to create their ideal lower level refuge.



Prior to remodeling, the bar area was cramped and lacked character.

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# Lakeside Lower Level Cont.

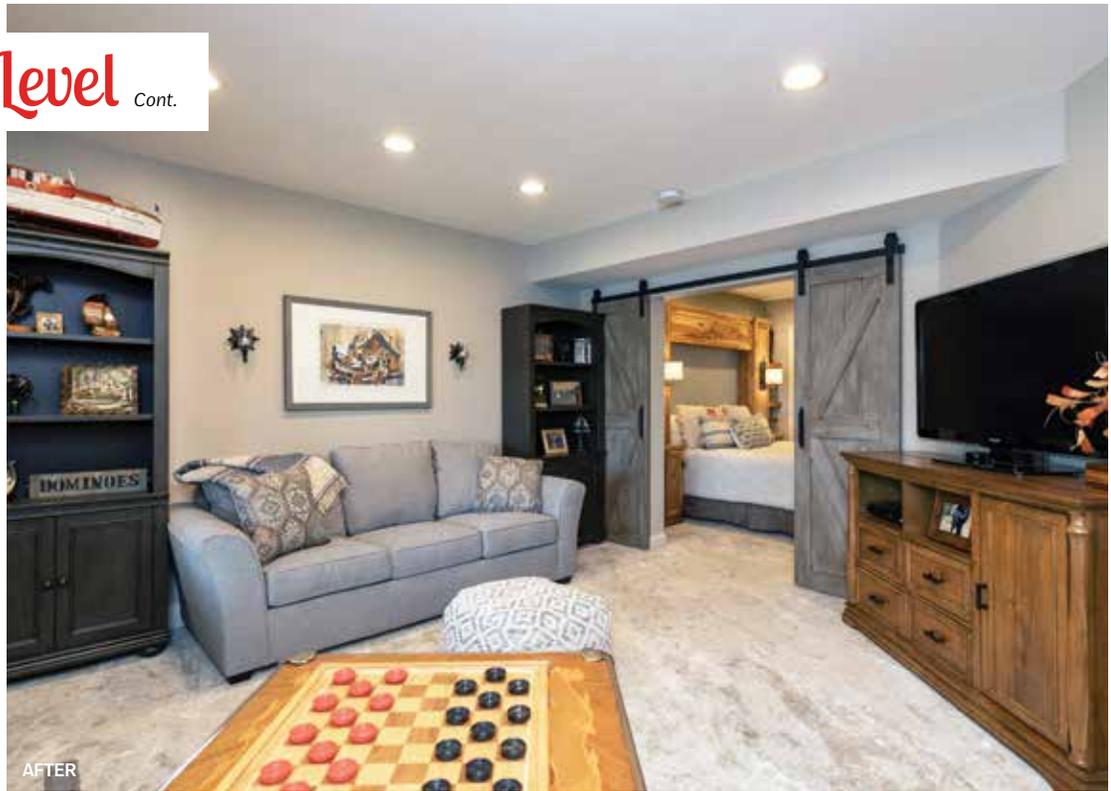
## Warm and Rustic

With collections to display and friends and family to entertain, the owners wanted to create a rustic, warm and welcoming lakeside retreat.

In the former home office, the walls and bulky built-ins were removed (below). Distressed barn doors open to a bedroom, where a knotty hickory surround conceals an existing radon mitigation pipe.



BEFORE



AFTER

Distressed sliding barn doors separate the family room and sleeping area.



(Left): The bathroom vanity features granite that at first glance looks like river rock.



(Right): Built-ins and technology were updated in the theater room.

## Inspired by Nature

The bar's focal point is the Burl Red Elm live-edge wood countertop with turquoise epoxy accents (below). Its unique beauty served as the inspiration for the entire bar and is complemented by natural quartzite, copper and glass elements.

Forgiving surfaces such as luxury vinyl plank, knotty woods and natural stone allow lakeside activities to proceed without concern for water, sand and heavy use. The "Polar Vortex" is nothing but a distant memory!



(Left): Rather than modify the exquisite locally-made top, the shape was expanded upon to create a circular conversation area.

Photos by Brandon Rowell

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*Does your co-worker keep pestering you to go for a walk?*



(Left): A custom desk fits perfectly in an unused nook off the kitchen in this Edina home.

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### The Way We Work is Changing

Like many others, you may have found yourself working from home these days. You may also have come to the realization that your dining room table doesn't make a very good home office. We can help!

Whether that means adding on, remodeling an existing space or converting an unused space, we will work with you to find the best home office solution for you and your home. Contact us for a complimentary consultation – conducted either virtually or with every safety precaution in your home.



(Below): Shaker-style cabinetry in the office/den matches the kitchen cabinets for a cohesive look. A wall of shelving provides needed storage.

## Stay Safe and Be Productive!

It's the best of both worlds! A designated home office will keep you organized and on-task. The home office below is part of a full second level addition in Saint Paul.



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## Caring for Quartz Countertops

Quartz countertops are beautiful and durable and, unlike granite, don't require any sealing in order to resist stains. Quartz is low maintenance, available in many colors and virtually invulnerable to stains, mold and bacteria.

**Routine cleaning:** Clean fresh spills with dish soap and a soft cloth such as microfiber or a nonabrasive sponge. Use a dry dish towel to wipe away any excess moisture.

**Disinfecting:** Create a simple disinfectant using 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol and two cups water in a spray bottle. Spray the countertops down, making sure to cover the entire surface. Allow the cleaning solution to sit for 2–3 minutes. Use a clean, dry dishtowel to wipe away any remaining moisture.

**What to avoid:** For all its upsides, there are a few dangers to be aware of if you own a quartz countertop. You shouldn't use acidic or abrasive cleaners on it. Quartz is only recommended for indoor use as it's durable but not indestructible. Make sure to use cutting boards, trivets and hot pads to protect your quartz so that it can last for many years to come. [www.hgtv.com](http://www.hgtv.com)

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## In the News *In case you missed it...*

### COVID-19 Update

Plekkenpol Builders continues to do our part to keep our customers and employees safe

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With the state and country easing more restrictions, we want to assure our customers, partners and employees that all CDC-recommended protocols are still in effect at Plekkenpol Builders.

We continue to require our employees to wear face masks while in the office, on job sites and whenever social distancing is not possible or practical. We ask that they disinfect their work area and any shared tools after use. Thermometers and “COVID-19 Sanitation Stations” are placed throughout the building, and employees are encouraged to take their temperature and wash their hands often.

We are committed to keeping our employees, customers and others as safe as is possible. We ask that our customers please contact their Project Manager or Production Supervisor immediately if they have any questions or concerns regarding our response to COVID-19. We are all in this together and together, we will make it through! Thank you for doing your part.

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