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## Mid-Century Inspiration



Collectors and art lovers envisioned a warm, vibrant home highlighting Mid-century modern style and design.

The townhome had all the hallmarks of a home built in 1994—golden oak woodwork, a popcorn ceiling, inadequate storage and a lack of counter/prep space in the kitchen. An inefficient floor plan resulted in awkward, underused spaces. The owners wanted to update their home to reflect their own taste while also making it more livable and tailored to their lifestyle. As travelers and art lovers, they wanted to highlight Mid-century modern style and showcase their vintage pottery collection.

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Prior to remodeling, finishes were dated and the refrigerator was tucked into a narrow alcove.

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## Floor Plan Redo

Adding a peninsula divided the room, creating two main work spaces – a main work triangle and a separate prep area. The peninsula provides desperately needed counter space and allows two people to comfortably work in the kitchen at the same time. The sink doubles as a prep/beverage sink, servicing both sides of the counter.



After remodeling, space is fully maximized with the addition of a beverage center, peninsula and built-in buffet.

## Custom Organization

The crowded supply closet and oddly placed refrigerator were replaced with a floor-to-ceiling closet and a beverage center (near right). The beverage center's roll-up door and textured glass-front cabinet hide the coffeemaker and supplies when not in use. Below is a dog feeding station.

The pass-through window overlooking the dining room was modified to include accent lighting (middle). The opposite side was transformed into a desk/electronics charging station (below).



Beverage center with backlit top shelf



Pass-through window overlooking the dining room



Dusty turquoise and soft white cabinets bring the Mid-Century modern feel the owners desired



## Living Room Focus

When designing the living room fireplace, the owners wanted something contemporary and architectural to complement the newly remodeled kitchen. The fireplace's dark gray modular base and luminous white facade are porcelain stoneware tile. A floor-to-ceiling lighted niche showcases pottery and art. Color-blocking enhances the Mid-century design aesthetic.

Design by Sarah Grace Maly | Photos by Brandon Rowell





Tracy Loomis

## Meet our Newest Project Manager **Tracy Loomis**

We are pleased to introduce the newest member of our Project Management team! **Tracy Loomis** brings eight years of construction and interior design experience to Plekkenpol Builders. She has a BFA with a concentration in Interior Design from the University of Wisconsin Stout.

“Remodeling an existing home is so wonderful because there are so many opportunities to make the space feel special, and it is going to be unique to your home. Maybe the design is around a family heirloom, new architectural details or client-specific design idea. Any of these reasons create an exceptional way to make your home personalized to you.”

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## Do-it-Yourself Summer Chore Checklist

Summer's mild weather means it's the ideal season to take on home maintenance projects like these:

### Inspect home's exterior

Inspect your home's exterior for loose or rotted siding. Power wash siding or brick. Repair and repaint any chipped, cracking or faded exterior paint.

### Clean gutters and downspouts

Summer storms can deposit debris in your gutters. Even though this is generally considered a job for spring and fall, summer is also recommended. For safety reasons, professional maintenance is recommended.

### Check windows for leaks

Re-caulk seals on doors and windows to increase energy efficiency year-round.

### Refill cracks in cement

Refill cracks on cement walkways or driveways. Concrete is strong, but it can be easily damaged by standing water that seeps in through the cracks.

### Examine brick and foundation

Check brick tuckpointing. Inspect foundation for cracks or leaks which could create an entry point for groundwater, insects and radon gas.

### Power wash and reseal deck

This will help prevent any wood from splitting, graying or cracking.

### Inspect Fencing

Reinforce, re-stain, reseal or repaint as needed.

### Maintain heating and A/C

Service/clean your furnace, air conditioner, fireplace, boiler, water heater and chimney. Change furnace filter every three months.

### Clean faucet traps

Clean out the faucet traps (the small screen on the end of the faucet) to eliminate clogging mineral deposits. Simply unscrew the end of the faucet with a pair of pliers, remove trap, flush out debris and replace.

### Clean dryer vent/exhaust duct

Without some maintenance, clogged lint and dust in your dryer vents could cause a house fire.

### Change batteries

Change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.



### Bonus Tip!

Change your ceiling fan direction and save \$\$\$



**Want to stay cooler (and reduce energy costs)?** The way your ceiling fan blades rotate determines how air circulates in the room. As warm air naturally rises, cool air tends to settle near the floor. In the summer, ceiling fans should spin **counterclockwise** which creates a downdraft that redistributes cool air around the room. Since ceiling fans use less energy than air conditioners, this is a smart way to cut down cooling costs.

**How to change your ceiling fan direction:** Most ceiling fans have a switch located on the side of the base. Stand directly underneath and look up to ensure it's turning in the right direction. Plan to change your ceiling fan's direction seasonally so it turns counterclockwise in the summer and clockwise in the winter.

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