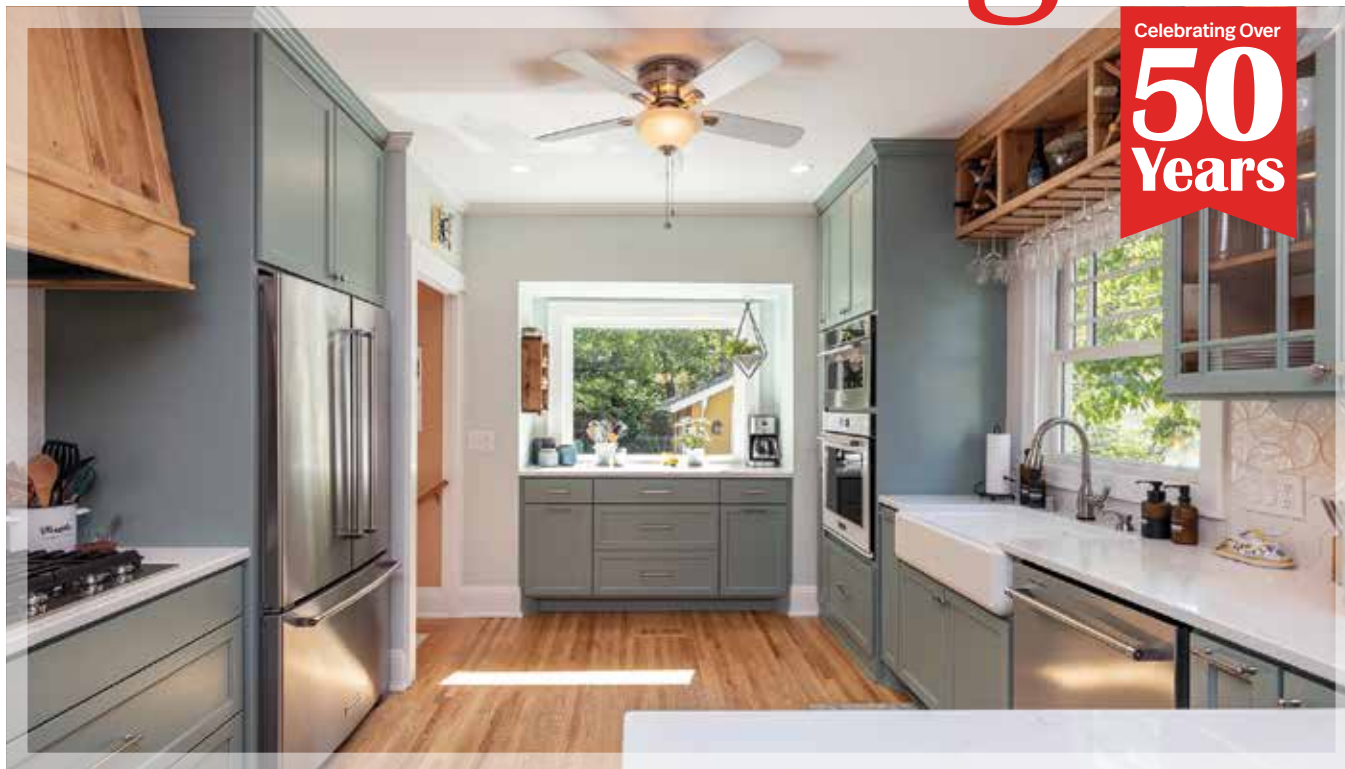


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EDINA

Kitchen Inspiration



BEFORE

The kitchen was closed off and lacked features the owners desired.

An Edina kitchen was updated and enlivened with colorful cabinets and creative design ideas to maximize every inch of space.

The remodeling journey for this 1920s Edina home began with a master bath renovation in 2019. The owners were so happy with the results that they began planning another, bigger project – their kitchen and dining room. They envisioned a more open main level and better kitchen space planning.

After remodeling, the two rooms are combined, separated by a peninsula. Blue-green cabinets feel fresh and unexpected. Earthy wood and brick accents bring a warm feel to the home. Eight feet of usable space was created by replacing the bay window with a bump-out.

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A built-in bench on the dining room side of the peninsula comes with space-saving storage.

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Rustic Accents

Natural elements contrast nicely with stainless steel appliances, glass front cabinets and white quartz. The cast iron farmhouse sink sits below an enlarged window. The above-the-sink wine rack and wine glass holder are the perfect solution for a smaller kitchen. The shape and lines of the backsplash tile and the airy pendants contribute to the open feel. Visitors can walk in the front door and see all the way through to the beautiful back yard.



The owners had planned to paint the accent brick white; however, upon seeing its natural beauty, opted to keep it as is.

Bump-Out Solution

The bump-out replaced the old bay window and provided additional cabinet and counter space. It also enlarged and opened the walkway from the back steps into the kitchen.

With better space planning, we were even able to find some lost closet space for the owner's office behind the range wall! "We've been through home improvement projects in the past, and this one blew them all away," said the owners. "From concept to completion, you exceeded our every expectation."



The bump-out added eight feet of functional cabinet and counter space.



The range was relocated to create a more efficient work zone.



The wall separating the kitchen and dining room was removed.



Bathroom Redesign

The project that started it all – the upstairs owners' bath – remains one of their favorite rooms. A reimagined layout provided space for the double vanity and walk-in shower. The old bathtub was eliminated. A new, larger shower features frameless glass doors and sleek white tile. "This was truly a joy to see come together, and we could not be happier with the outcome," said the owners.

Photos: Brandon Rowell



Going Green



Eco-friendly home improvements can save money and help protect the environment.

Green practices in home remodeling have marked a shift in the way we live today. Homes built today are 100% more energy-efficient than homes built in the 1970s*. Here are some ways to incorporate environmentally-friendly practices into your home or your next home remodeling project:

- Use truly green products and materials (ask questions and do your research)
- Remodel within your existing footprint, whenever possible
- Maintain items whenever possible, rather than replace
- Purchase only Energy Star®-rated appliances
- Install low-flow shower heads and toilets and consider a tankless water heater
- Use wood, paint, sealant and cleaning products that are non-toxic
- Seal off drafts, insulate and install a programmable thermostat
- Install high efficiency windows and doors
- Use dimmers and energy efficient bulbs to reduce electricity consumption
- Research energy efficiency to learn how you can reduce your need for natural resources

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* Source: nahb.org



The Evolution of "Green"

"Green" will continue to evolve as we learn more and understand the steps involved in bringing products to market. As an advocate for the environment, it is important that you educate yourself and take all facts regarding products into account. Ask questions, do appropriate research and come to your own conclusions.

Go beyond the claims of "green," "sustainable," "natural," "organic" and other environmentally-friendly buzz words. Energy efficiency, water and resource conservation, good indoor air quality, sustainability of resources (grows quickly and is easily replenished), as well as the ability to reuse or recycle products, are considered green attributes.

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A unique solution for clients who needed a home office but were lacking the space for it.

With two people working from home, our clients in St. Paul were in need of a dedicated office. Lacking the space to add on, we instead converted their attached garage – located off the kitchen – into a home office.



The office is fully insulated and roomy enough for two people to work comfortably. The vaulted ceiling and skylight make the room feel bright and spacious. An area near the door serves as a mud room with built-in bench seating,

shelves and hooks. A second stand-alone garage will be used for their vehicles.

The homeowners are thrilled with their new space and are already planning their next project, a kitchen remodel.



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