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## Reimagined Rambler



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A long overdue kitchen and main level remodel creates a modern and free-flowing floor plan in a traditional Bloomington rambler.

Built in 1966, this rambler-style home was one of many designed to offer convenient single-level living. In 2023, its floor plan no longer felt functional. Rooms were closed off, dark and dated. The kitchen lacked the finishes and amenities the family desired.

The kitchen's U-shaped layout created tight corners and was prone to traffic jams. A peninsula divided the space, and low-hanging cabinets cut off sightlines. Accessing storage was difficult. Small windows obstructed the flow of light. The owners wanted to update and modernize their home, with creative space planning their number-one priority.



After remodeling, the kitchen feels open, spacious and contemporary.

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## Muted Mid-Century

Removing the peninsula and low-hanging cabinets opened the kitchen. Older, bulky appliances were replaced. The space was lightened with fresh white and natural wood accents. Upper and lower cabinets are two shades of light, airy blue with cool gray undertones.

The muted colors and Mid-Century aesthetic feel natural to the home. The kitchen is bright and spacious without adding space.



The window above the kitchen sink was enlarged to invite in natural light. Floating shelves frame the window.

## Thoughtful Design

The new built-in buffet provides additional storage and counter space. It is located near the dining room for easy entertaining and serving at family meals.

The antique cabinet knobs are upcycled from a different Plekkenpol project! After being cleaned and polished, they are a unique retro element in the room.



The buffet features glossy slate blue subway tile and a polished white quartz countertop.



Kitchen sample board and antique knob



New patio door for backyard access



## Creative Space Planning

The rest of the main level was updated with new flooring and lighting. The old popcorn ceiling was scraped and removed throughout. A graphic wallcovering pops on one living room wall.

Rather than widening the opening between the living room and dining room, the opening was kept as is so that wall space in the kitchen could be used for more cabinets and the new buffet.

Replacing the window in the dining room with a patio door provides access to the backyard and makes the whole room feel light and bright.

"Your team was great to work with, and we look forward to future projects with Plekkenpol," said the owners.

*Photos by Spacecrafting*



Emily Blonigen

## Meet our Newest Project Manager **Emily Blonigen**

We are pleased to introduce the newest member of our Project Management team! **Emily Blonigen** brings eleven years' residential remodeling experience to Plekkenpol Builders. She has a passion for seeing a home's potential and enjoys designing spaces that meet the clients' needs and wants, as well

as the home's needs. Emily has a BA in Interior Architecture and Design from The Art Institutes International of Minnesota.

"As a Project Manager, my primary goal is to assist clients in their remodeling needs from the first consult all the way to completed construction. I am a completionist, and when I am inspired at the first visit – seeing the potential of a remodel that could benefit the user and the home – I have a strong drive to see the project through.

I have worked in residential remodeling primarily renovating older homes built in 1880s–2000s in the metro area. Plekkenpol Builders allows me to push my growth in remodeling and share my passion for and knowledge of homes."

## StarTribune Featured Project "Barkitecture" at the Center of Home Design



Luxury dog wash  
Photos by StarTribune

Plekkenpol Builders was featured in the *StarTribune* Home & Garden section on May 19 in an article spotlighting "barkitecture" – pet-friendly amenities at the center of home design.

When our clients remodeled the lower level of their Minneapolis home, their Great Danes, Jax and

Otto, were top of mind. Their project included a luxury dog wash with tile surround to make bathing safer, easier and less messy. Nearby open shelving holds the dogs' towels and shampoo. A removable shower head makes washing breezier.

Roll-out bins keep pet food and supplies organized. "It's my favorite new room in the house," said the owner. "It's so functional and pretty."



### PROJECT SNAPSHOT

## Shoreview Lakeside Owners' Suite

The owners' suite was part of a larger whole house refresh on the shores of Turtle Lake.

To take full advantage of their home's location, the owners had been remodeling their longtime home over the years, focusing on highlighting and enhancing the lakeside view.

Prior to remodeling, the main level owners' suite was dated and dark. Though large, the L-shaped bathroom had areas of wasted space and the floor plan felt awkward. A full remodel included a reconfigured floor plan, sophisticated blue-gray cabinets and classic finishes. A custom make-up table is a beautiful addition that fits the space perfectly.



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