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## Not-So-Empty Nest

Empty nesters chose to “upsize” rather than downsize so they would have plenty of room for visiting children and grandchildren.



BEFORE

Many empty nesters choose to downsize – their children move out, rooms are empty and a big house is no longer needed. They like the idea of a smaller, easier property to maintain as they get older.

The owners of this Minneapolis home took a different approach. When they bought their new home five years ago, they decided to “upsized” instead. As empty nesters, they wanted space to host family and friends, room for hobbies and options for aging in place. Most importantly, they wanted a welcoming house with plenty of space to encourage visits from their children and grandchildren.



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# Not-So-Empty Nest



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## Updated Floor Plan

After moving in, the homeowners began to customize the home, from the kitchen and lower level to the upstairs owners' suite.

The existing owners' bath had an inset built-in bathtub and separate walk-in shower. A large window above the tub offered no privacy. The linen cabinet was located within the tub space and was difficult to reach – the owners had to stand in the bathtub to access its contents.



AFTER

In the owners' bath, the tub and shower locations were flipped to maximize the space.

## Tub and Shower Flip

To maximize the space, the bathtub and shower locations were flipped. The old built-in tub was replaced with a large walk-in shower with marble-inspired porcelain tile. Glass blocks allow light flow while maintaining privacy. Grab bars were added for safety.

The old shower was replaced with a free-standing soaking tub, half wall ledge and heated towel rack.



Brushed nickel fixtures tie the space together.



BEFORE



AFTER

The old walk-in shower was replaced with a lush soaking tub.



BEFORE



## Mosaic Tile Accent Rug

The tile floor is slate gray with a custom marble mosaic accent "rug" – a beautiful, distinctive detail that is built into the tile. In a floral pattern of blue, white and gold, it is a visually stunning design element that sets the look for the whole room. Unlike fabric rugs, it is elegant and easy to keep clean. Electric in-floor heat is a luxurious addition.

The owners love their home's location and the updates they have made to their "not-so-empty" nest. They have completed their remodeling visions for now, but they haven't ruled out future updates. "Your crew is great," said the owner. "Very good workers, very timely and very considerate."

Photos by Spacecrafting  
Design by Krista Schwartz, Indicia Interior Design

Floral Mosaic  
Accent Tile

## Remodel or Move?

There are many factors to consider, and the decision isn't easy.



Deciding whether to move or remodel your existing home isn't easy. It's important to take your time and make an informed decision. You'll want to be sure to consider the financial, practical and emotional elements.

Consider the comfort of your neighborhood and neighbors, the proximity to loved ones, work, shopping, schools, your professional relationships such as doctors, banking, accountants, as well as other valued resources.

Consider that those important connections may have to change in a new neighborhood. Consider the expense of selling your home and moving. Talk to a real estate professional to determine the cost of selling your home, its current value and your equity. They may also be able to give you an idea as to how much value you'll add to your home by remodeling. If you do decide to sell, carefully consider your potential return on investment by spending wisely on things that need to be fixed and cosmetic changes.

If you love your neighborhood and nearby resources and you feel that all you need is to add space or remodel existing space and your home will be perfect, then you may want to stay and remodel. Plekkenpol Builders can answer the questions you have about remodeling your home to fit your changing needs.

*For other helpful Homeowner Resources, visit our website at [www.plekkenpol.com/resources](http://www.plekkenpol.com/resources).*

## Hardwood Floor Care

Hardwood floors are a valuable asset to your home. A simple maintenance routine will keep them looking beautiful for years to come.



**1. Clean spills and spots immediately with a soft cloth.**

Liquid spills may absorb into the wood causing swelling, shrinking and staining.

**2. Dust or sweep daily with a broom or dust mop.** Dust

can settle into the grain and be a hygiene issue in addition to making your floor look dull over time.

**3. Vacuum weekly.** Vacuuming will catch the dust and dirt that your broom missed. Use a hard floor attachment to avoid scratching the floor.

**4. Deep clean monthly.**

Use a hardwood-friendly floor cleaner.

**5. Polish after three months.**

Recoat after 3-5 years.



AFTER



BEFORE

## PROJECT SNAPSHOT

### Partial Kitchen Remodel Simple Uplift

Simple changes make a big impact in a South Minneapolis kitchen.

This traditional kitchen had great bones and a functional layout. Its problems were mainly cosmetic. Dark gray countertops and a dull green island needed brightening. The island range hood hung too low and felt like an obstruction. The backsplash had a dated tile border, and cabinet hardware was too ornate for the space.

New polished white countertops, glistening white backsplash and a mix of blue and white painted cabinets feel fresh and bright. The space was modernized with new cabinet hardware. The updated hood doesn't hang as low, and its natural wood trim complements the floors and ceiling beams, tying everything together.

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