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Lower Level Retreat

An unfinished basement has been transformed into a polished living space that is enjoyed by the family and their guests.

The family of six loved to open their home to friends and family. Their goal was to transform their unfinished basement into a comfortable space for overnight guests, especially the owner's mother who liked to stay for extended visits.

To ensure her comfort, the fully finished guest suite is accessible on one level and includes a family/game room, full kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and laundry. What was once an unfinished basement is now a luxurious retreat for guests that the family also enjoys.



The new kitchen/bar was added in an empty space at the bottom of the stairs.



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Optimizing Space

Prior to remodeling, the basement was primarily used as storage for kids' toys, sporting goods, seasonal items, etc. This blank canvas presented exciting possibilities, but also posed the challenge of determining how to best optimize the available square footage.

The family room became the natural starting point. Flanked on both sides by wood-topped benches, the fireplace provides a warm and inviting place to gather. Its custom-cut white stone feels both rustic and contemporary and sets the tone for the entire space.

Full Kitchen and Bar

The full kitchen was added with the owner's mother in mind. It is fully equipped with everything the avid cook might need including custom storage, gourmet appliances and marble-inspired quartz countertops.

On the game room side, bar seating and a beverage bar create the perfect setting for entertaining.



"Thank you for all the work you did in finishing our basement," said the owners. "Words cannot express how much we love it, and we still find it hard to believe it is just down the steps!"



Warm wood accents tie the space together.



The ceiling is maple laid in a herringbone pattern.



Comfort and Accessibility

Comfort and convenience were key when designing the bedroom suite. The bathroom and washer/dryer are easily accessed through an adjoining door. For maximum luxury, the bathroom flooring is porcelain tile with electric in-floor heat. The wall tile is a unique combination of two tiles, alternating matte and shiny, laid vertically to make the space

feel taller. The vanity's under-cabinet lighting is useful when navigating in the dark.

Whether using the space as a family or entertaining guests, the owners are overjoyed with their basement transformation.

Design by Kim Spillum Photos by Spacecrafting





In the News In case you missed it...



NARI Regional Remodeler of the Year (RotY) Award Winner

North Central Winner for Residential Kitchen



Residential Kitchen \$150,000 to \$200,000



Regional RotY Award Winner

Plekkenpol Builders was named NARI's 2025 North Central Regional RotY winner for Residential Kitchen \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Our region, Region 3, is an area that includes contractors from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Our Mountain West-inspired kitchen in Bloomington stood out as the best in our category and region!

Regional Winner: Residential Kitchen, \$150,000 to \$200,000 Project Manager: Tracy Loomis Production Supervisor: Bryan Stith

The Remodeler of the Year Awards are the highest form of recognition by industry leaders and peers. We

are proud to receive this honor!

Spring Remodelers Showcase®

Thank you for touring our "Dream Home"!





We would like to thank everyone who toured our Showcase home in Edina during the Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase! The home provided a unique opportunity to tour a home that was beautifully reconstructed after a house fire.

In addition, our generous visitors helped raise funds for the Housing First Minnesota Foundation and their work fighting homelessness in Minnesota.

If you missed the Showcase, photos can be viewed on our website at plekkenpol. com/gallery/showcase.





Spring Showcase "Dream Home"







PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Pop of Pink

An elegant yet playful update for the upstairs girls' bathroom.

The two girls were getting older and wanted a more mature and sophisticated look for their bathroom. However, the almost-teenagers still wanted the space to be colorful and fun.

The remodeled space features light and airy quartz countertops that pair beautifully with soft white cabinets and pink patterned wallpaper. Flooring is elegant stone-look porcelain tile. There's even a unique circle pattern on the cabinet doors.

The design is further elevated with hanging pendant lights and a crystal chandelier over the tub. The newly remodeled bathroom is a beautiful and sophisticated upgrade for the girls. No more yellow walls!

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Spring Refresh Checklist

Prepare your property for warmer weather

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Spring Refresh Checklist

How to prepare your property for warmer weather



☐ Clean gutters and downspouts.

Clear any debris out of your gutters that may have accumulated and ensure all the downspouts are directed away from the house. This will help avoid water backing up towards your home.

☐ Check siding.

Repair any pieces that are weathered or cracking. If you have painted wood siding, peeling or loose paint should be scraped off, sanded sand repainted.

☐ Check windows and screens.

Check for peeling or cracked caulk around the seals. Repair or replace any screens that have holes. Ensure winter wind hasn't loosened any screens from their fasteners.

☐ Inspect the foundation.

If you have a basement, inspect the walls and floor for cracks or other damage.

☐ Clear area around AC unit.

Leaves, weeds and other debris can build up over the season and limit the efficiency of your air conditioner. In addition, leaf piles are often attractive areas for mice.

□ Vacuum accumulating dust.

Vacuum dust that is sticking to your air vents. Unplug your refrigerator, slide it away from the wall and vacuum the dust that has accumulated on the condenser coils to greatly extend its life.

☐ Replace batteries.

Replace your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries at least twice a year.

☐ Change filters. Homeowners should be changing the filters around their home every 3-6 months. This includes cooling and heating systems, range hoods and refrigerators, among others.

☐ Check condition of deck.

Wood decks need to be treated/resealed regularly. Repair or replace any deteriorating or loose boards.

☐ Trim and clear landscaping. Make sure your landscaping and lawn slope away from your foundation to prevent seepage.

☐ Call in the pros. Don't hesitate to call in the pros for specialized or risky tasks such as inspecting the chimney/fireplace for hazards; checking the

roof for missing or warped shingles; and having your **HVAC** system inspected by a qualified technician.

