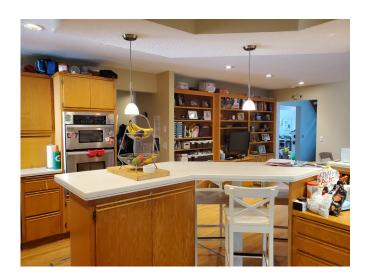


Client Needs | BEFORE

The West Bloomington house had been a beloved family home for years. When the original owners were ready to sell it and move on, they were thrilled when their adult daughter and her husband chose to purchase the house and keep it in the family.

The new owners wanted to update the space to reflect their own taste and style. The kitchen, last remodeled in the early 90s, was dated. Cabinets, countertops, appliances and fixtures were showing their age. Storage was lacking. An awkward angled desk/island divided the room.

The goal was to create a more modern and open kitchen/dining room with better space planning, custom storage, a larger, more functional center island and an interesting mix of rustic and contemporary finishes. They also wanted add a mud room and remodel the foyer/front staircase for a cohesive look.





Before & After | KITCHEN





Before & After | KITCHEN







Functionality | BUTLER'S PANTRY

To create the additional storage and prep space that the family of seven desired, the home's floor plan was reconfigured to allow for a spacious new butler's pantry off the kitchen.

The kitchen redesign involved relocating the laundry room – originally located behind the kitchen wall – to the lower level. This created the space to add the new walk-in butler's pantry. To accommodate the entrance to the pantry, kitchen appliances were relocated and the kitchen layout was adjusted.

The pantry is easily accessed from the kitchen and features custom organization, additional prep space and even a chalkboard "menu."





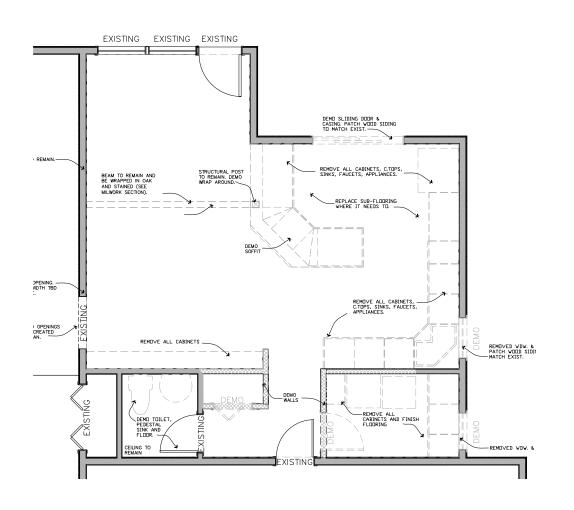


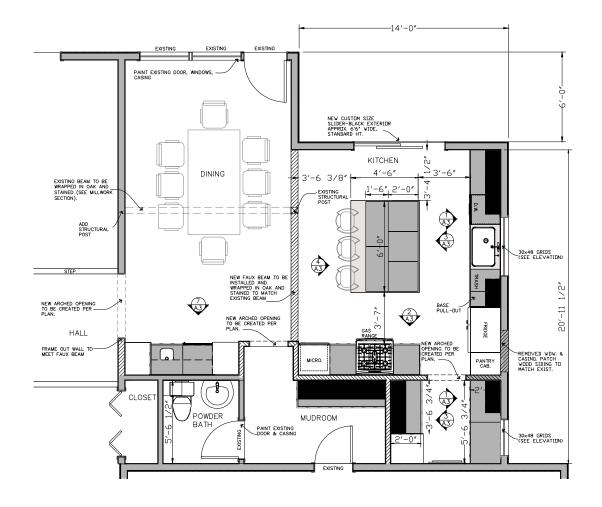
Before & After | BUTLER'S PANTRY





Floor Plans | BEFORE & AFTER





Functionality | KITCHEN LAYOUT







Kitchen Layout

- The refrigerator was relocated to create a more natural "work triangle" with easy movement between the refrigerator, stove and sink.
- The awkward angled island was replaced with a larger, more functional island with seating. Its rustic natural wood base contrasts nicely with the kitchen's sleek white cabinets, polished quartz counters and glossy backsplash tile.
- A new larger range anchors the space.
- A black natural stone apron front sink is both modern and functional.



Before & After | KITCHEN





Aesthetics







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(Clockwise from far left)

- The front entry and staircase were updated to reflect the new finishes in the dining room and kitchen. The staircase features dark stained oak and black iron spindles. The flooring is glazed porcelain tile with a marble look.
- Arched interior doorways, reflected throughout the newly remodeled main level, are one of the owner's favorite details.
- The new owners originally wanted to remove the existing support columns and beams in the kitchen; when that became cost-prohibitive, they chose to emphasize them instead by wrapping them in dark stained oak. The result is a warm and rustic yet modern look.





Craftsmanship

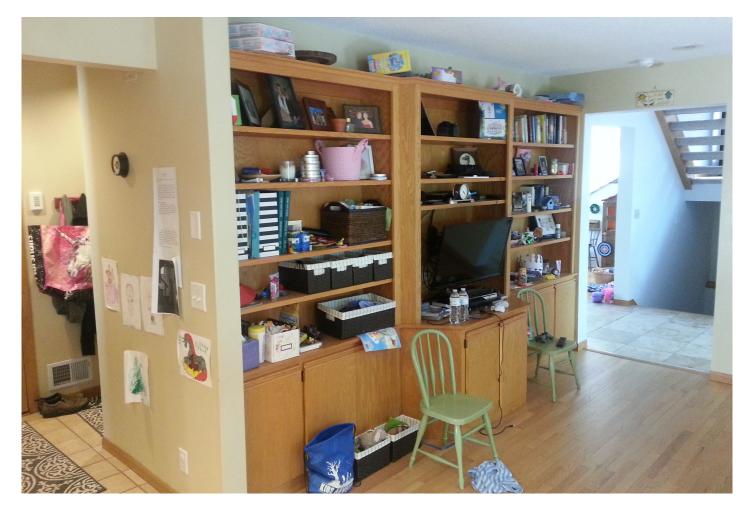
Prior to remodeling, a wall of cluttered cabinets and shelving stretched across the dining room wall.

The cabinets were replaced with a floor-to-ceiling wet bar/beverage station with floating shelves, glossy backsplash tile, custom storage and a wine and beverage refrigerator.

The new beverage station anchors the space, keeps everything organized and is perfect for entertaining.



Before & After | WET BAR/BEVERAGE STATION







Innovation

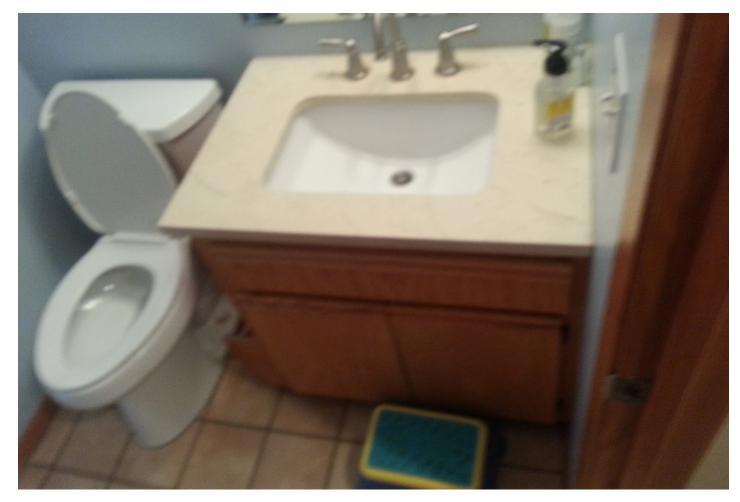
Relocating the laundry room to the lower level provided the space needed to create both the new pantry and a mud room, which the home had previously lacked.

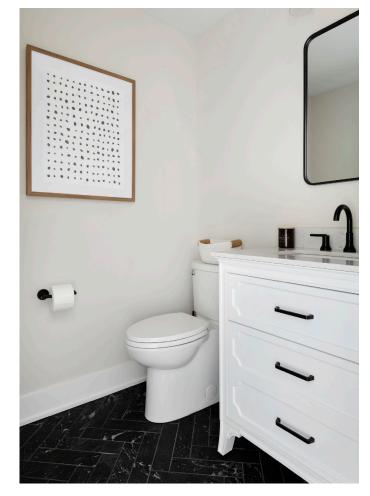
The mud room features bench seating and storage for coats and seasonal item. It is easily accessed from the garage.

The adjacent powder room was fully remodeled as well. The flooring is marble-look porcelain tile in a herringbone pattern.

The family loves the versatility of their new space. The owner's mother visits often and loves the changes to her former home. Though the space has been remodeled, the warm feel is the same.

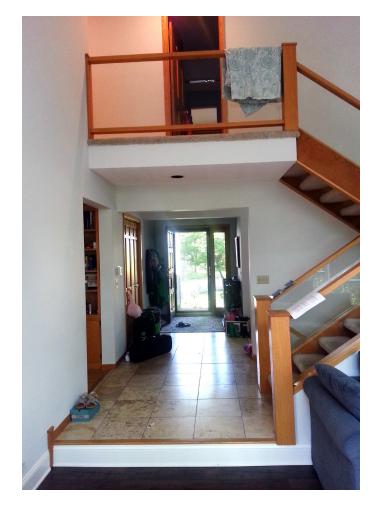
Before & After | POWDER ROOM

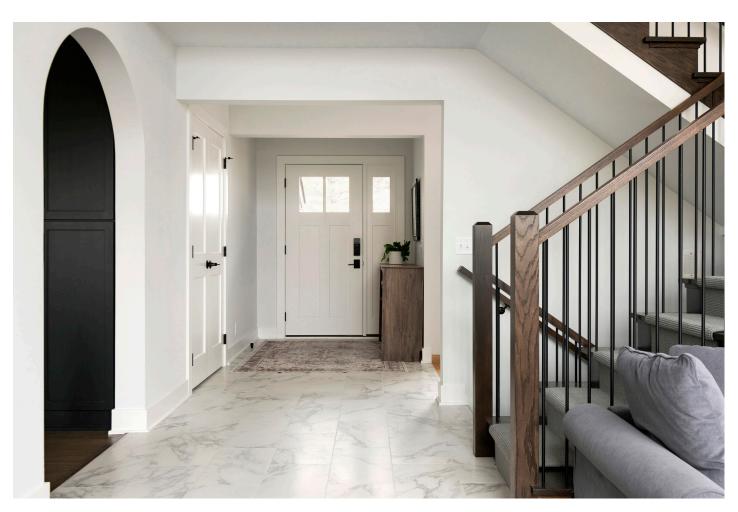




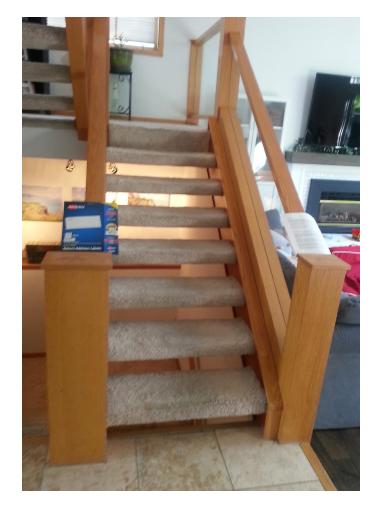
BEFORE AFTER

Before & After | FOYER





Before, During & After | STAIRCASE







BEFORE DURING AFTER

Elevations

