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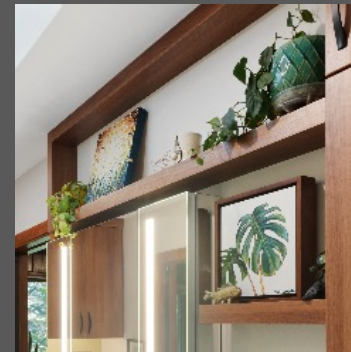
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design statement

This project is an example of a true collaboration between client and designer. It is somewhat rare to get the opportunity to work with a client who loves art, color, and design as much as you do, but this is how it turned out. You will notice a couple themes as we walk you through this project, and they are function, color, and whimsy. This home is anything but boring, just like those who reside here. This remodel took a kitchen that was literally breaking down and made it this hostess' dream kitchen. A bathroom that was small, dingy, and dark now feels like an art gallery. And the laundry room (which doubles as the everyday entrance to this home) went from treacherous and worn, to classic and cool.

client objectives

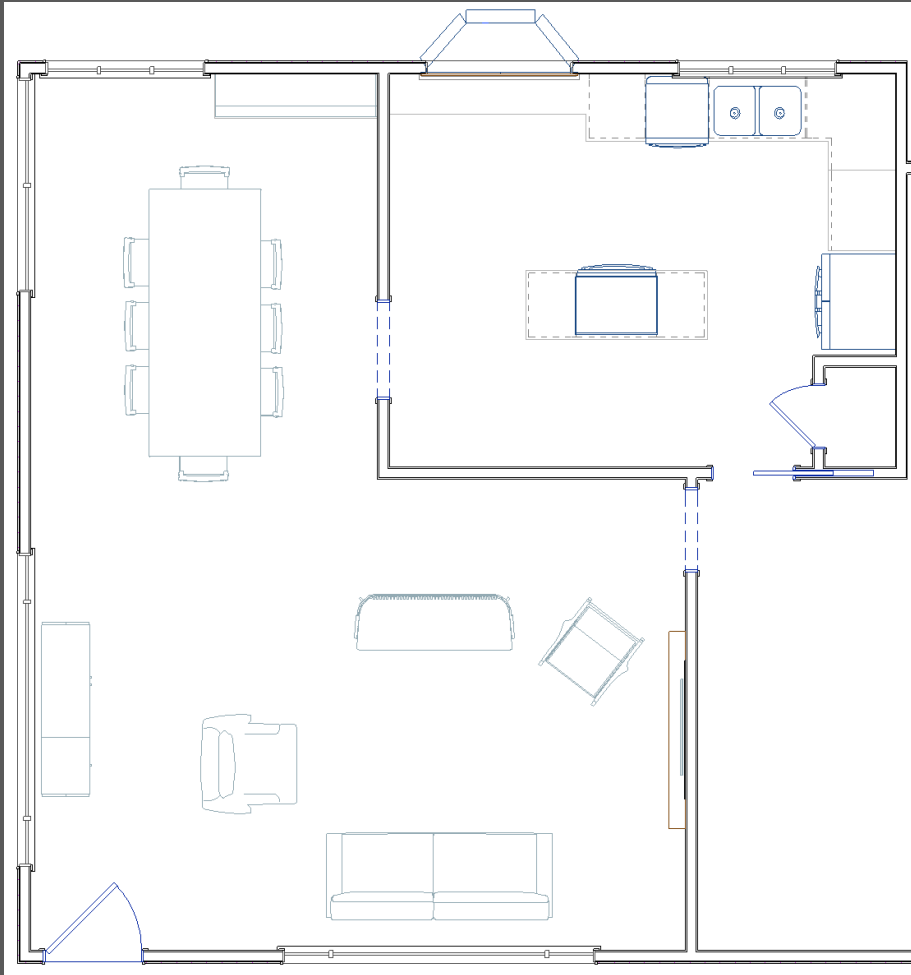
- This home chef LOVES to cook and entertain. The kitchen was to be completely reimaged and packed with enough storage to run a restaurant out of there.
- The bathroom, located on the far opposite end of the home from the kitchen, would be transformed to feel as if you were in your own private hotel suite
- As a collector of art of all kinds, carefully thought-out art lighting would be incorporated to multiple rooms throughout the home.



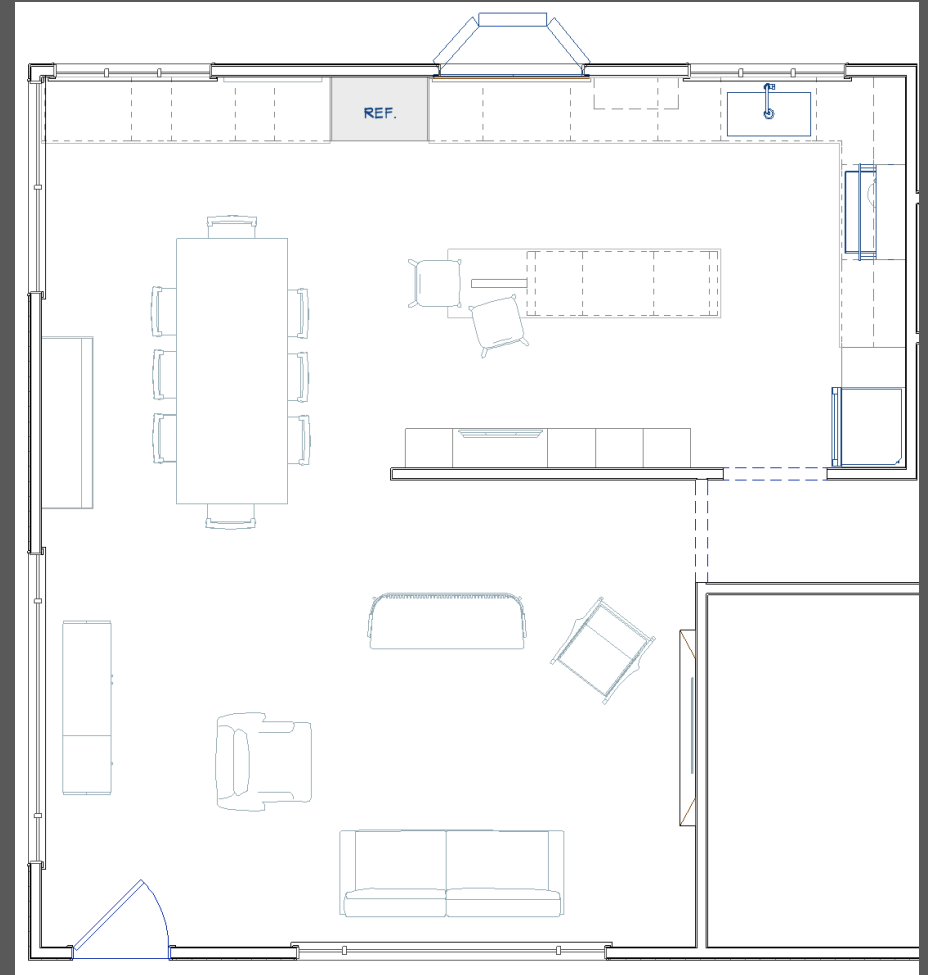
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before – main level floorplan



after – main level floorplan



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before



after



This is a great overall view of what the overall space looked like before and after. The kitchen is now open to a spacious dining area. By utilizing the entire length of the space, a generous amount of storage is gained, as well as counterspace to spread out on.

challenge alert!

When beginning work on this one-level rambler, we were surprised to find out the wall we planned to remove turned out to be structural! Unbeknownst to us, the roof rafters switched directions in that location and would drive us to install a new flush structural header to keep the floorplan the same.

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The old kitchen island offered very little function. The cooktop in the middle of it was barely functioning and there was very little workspace left and right of it. The large island hood made the room feel small and blocked sightlines.

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In the new kitchen layout, the cooktop is now on this back wall providing an absolutely stunning focal point in the space. Custom ombre tile in a hand-selected color scheme make this backsplash truly one of a kind. This feature was made possible by the true artists at Mercury Mosaics, a local tile manufacturer. The colors that were selected were inspired by art pieces that would be displayed in the finished space.

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By removing the wall between the kitchen and dining room, this hostess' expansive dining room table now has much better flow when filled with guests. By extending the kitchen cabinetry into this space, that area can be utilized as a bar or buffet when entertaining.

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While island seating was not at the top of the priority list, counter space was. This long, highly functional island provides a great area to spread out and get to cooking. Its size also provided enough space to include another bank of floor-to-ceiling pantry cabinets, with a little artistic flare. These gallery cubbies were custom designed, pulling in our bold color scheme, and intended to house the aforementioned inspirational art pieces. A custom spot for the TV was also carefully planned.

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challenge alert!

A unique fact about this remodel is that all the windows in the space were existing and the kitchen was designed around them. The design of these windows was inherent to the architecture of the home, so it was important to maintain that. The style of cabinetry and other kitchen materials were also selected with that in mind.

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The main Living Room, adjacent to the kitchen and dining, also received some updates. The original Maple flooring now flows seamlessly throughout this main area of the home creating a great cohesiveness. Art lighting and a center decorative fixture were added to this space very intentionally, providing the opportunity for perfect lighting throughout these spaces, and for every occasion.

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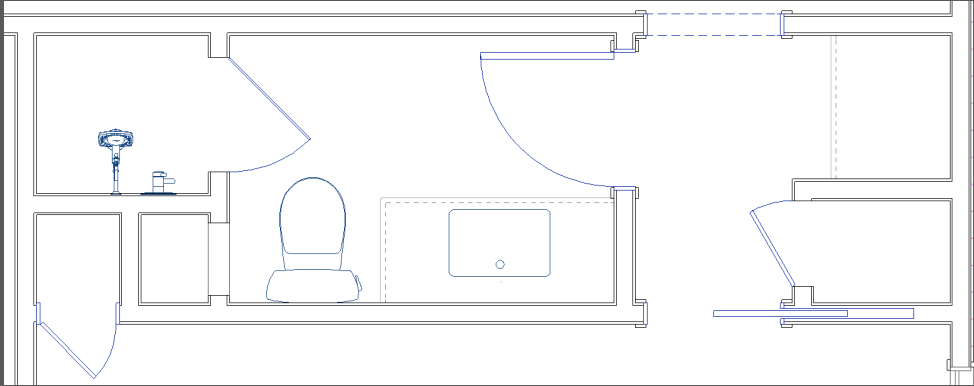


The Laundry/Mud Room in this home is where our client enters the home everyday from the attached garage. The existing steps into the space were steep, lacked a handrail, and were just worn out. This space is also heavily used by the pets in this home, so durability was a top priority. The stairs were reframed to make them less steep and easier to enter the home gracefully. A sleek custom iron railing offers stability and safety. New Luxury Vinyl stair treads tie in the existing woodwork and original cabinets that we were sure to maintain in the new design. A deep terrazzo style tile floor is a great feature and offers maximum durability. Pops of color and a funky LED light make this laundry room feel super fun and ultra unique.

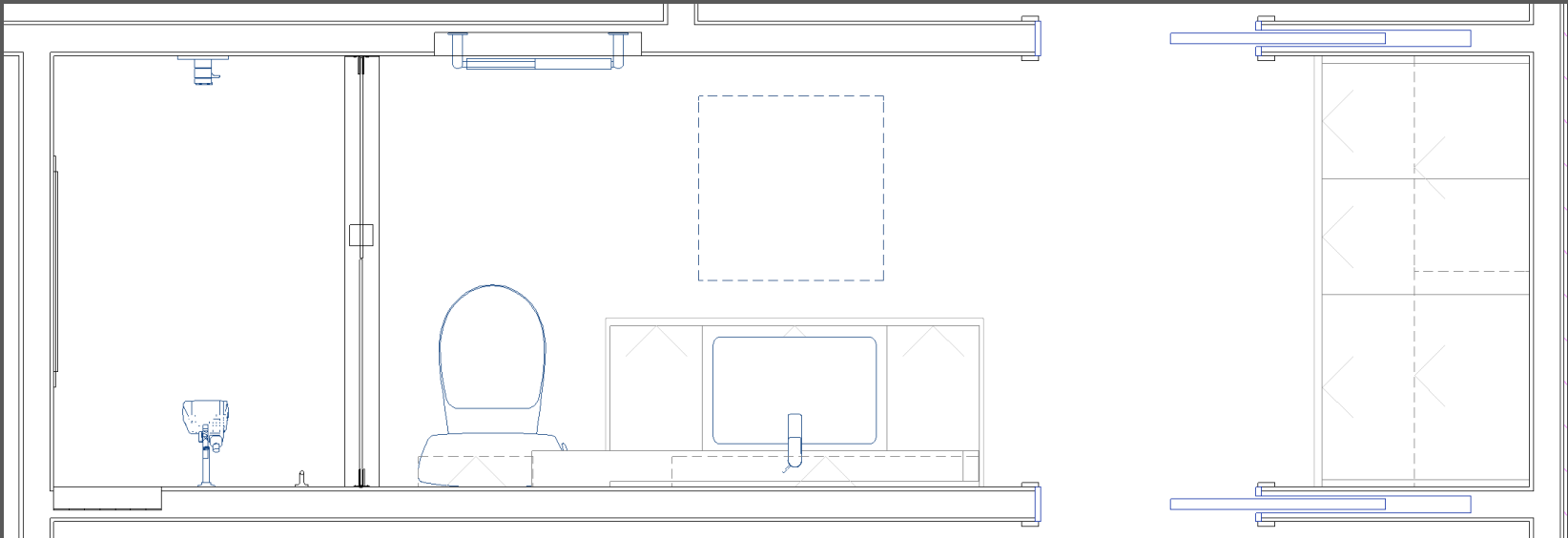
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before – bathroom floorplan



after – bathroom floorplan



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This Primary Bathroom may not be large in size, but it was about to become large in personality. Our goal was to maximize every inch of this little bathroom and create a luxurious space to be enjoyed in this Primary Suite.

With our exquisite art-glass tile in the shower being the main focal point, it was very important that the glass enclosure not interfere with the view. A very intentional frameless enclosure was designed to maintain ultra clear views. A clever minimal knob was chosen as well to minimize distractions.

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This handmade glass mosaic tile is truly art in and of itself. It is also the original inspiration for this entire space, offering this stunning array of greens that we would use in various areas of the bathroom. Pairing it with neutral black and white surrounding finishes was very intentional, making sure it remained the star of the show.

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Once again in our zeal to maximize every inch, and incorporate storage, areas for art display, and lighting, this fully custom medicine cabinet and shelving combination came to life. This feature wall checks all our boxes.

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The location of this bathroom is about as far away from the kitchen that it can be in a rambling rambler. Adjacent to the Primary Bedroom, and also a cozy, plant-packed den where much time is spent, this little beverage area seemed like the perfect feature to incorporate into this space. Boasting loads of functional storage for bathroom and beverage items alike, it is even appointed with a glass-front fridge. Whether it be a cup of coffee in the morning, or a glass of wine in the evening with your favorite show, this little spot feels like luxury.