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"RIGHT-SIZE" REMODEL

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This is the third home CKB has remodeled for this couple. A few years ago, the couple sold their family home and downsized to a town house. As life went on and grandchildren came, they realized the town house was too small for family gatherings that they still enjoyed holding. They loved living close to downtown Wayzata so when a larger town house a few blocks away came available, they scooped it up. But as before, this town house was in "original" condition and a total remodel was needed. Instead of spreading the project over several phases, they decided to complete the renovation prior to moving into their new home. The project involved everything from removing the "popcorn" off the ceilings to the new hand-scraped white oak flooring and everything in between with an emphasis on a warm, sophisticated, modern style.

The first thing to notice as you enter the home is the new custom Iron and wood railing leading down to the lower level. Passing through the entry area is the great room including a new white entertainment center and linear fireplace.









2020 FALL REMODELERS SHOWCASE

DATE / October 2-4, noon to 6pm WHERE / 318 Waycliffe Dr N, Wayzata, MN 55391



The new kitchen was reconfigured with cabinets from Crystal Cabinet Works in a combination of Gregio Pine laminate and dark stained Alder and features a stunning backsplash tile. The new layout provided more counterspace and a large island with a "waterfall edge", all in Cambria quartz.

The master bath showcases a gorgeous free-standing tub, large shower, and make-up niche. The laundry room was reconfigured to include a larger laundry sink, counterspace, storage and a built-in ironing board. The lower level bar was expanded to include full size refrigerator and more cabinet storage and counterspace. All rooms received new flooring, paint and finishing touches to complete the remodel for move-in day 5 months later.



ART BUDDIES

Prior to COVID, our designer Kaitlyn Stokes had been volunteering with a local organization called Art Buddies. Art Buddies is a program that works with elementary age children to help them realize their creative potential and discover that creativity can be a path to a successful future. Because of the Covid cancelation of this program, as a company, we volunteered to pack 500 "Buddy Bags" to be distributed to kids across the Twin Cities to help them stay creative throughout the summer months.

MODERNIZED MASTER BATH

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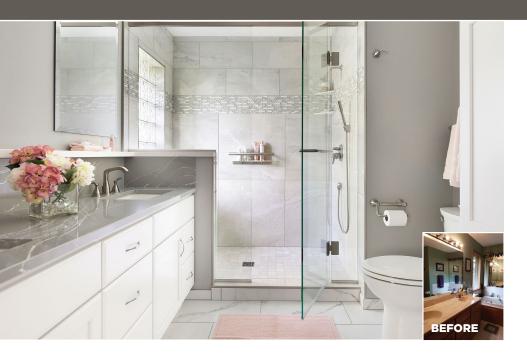


Original contemporary Lake Minnetonka Home designed in 1952 by famous Architect Phillip Johnson, had all the bells and whistles of its time, but was in much need of an update. The homeowners are retired and desired a bathroom with aging in place in mind.

PROBLEM: The soaking tub sides were so tall that it was challenging to lift their legs over to get into the shower. The bidet was never used, and they needed better storage and lighting.

SOLUTION

Removing the tub made room for a large shower. With the bathroom being on a concrete slab a nice surprise came during construction when we could easily add a curb-less shower entry without additional plumbing costs. The bench in the shower was extended into the room to provide an area to sit and dry off. The bidet toilet was replaced by a linen closet. Walls sconces on both sides of the mirrors provide ample lighting. The inviting beige color scheme blended with the rest of the home. A wavy tile was used as an accent wall at the back of the shower. Grey stained bamboo cabinets and quartz countertops keep the space feeling light and airy.



MASTER BATH—SERENE RETREAT

DESIGNER MARY MANEY, CKB, ASID, CLIPP / MARY@CRYSTALKITCHEN.COM

PROBLEM: The bathroom felt dated and cramped. The shower and entry doors collided. The shower was too small, and the Jacuzzi tub was seldom used. The homeowners wanted a new layout with more space and storage.

SOLUTION

Eliminate the tub and move the shower into its space. This gave ample room for a larger shower including a bench seat. A pocket door was added to eliminate the door swing into the room. A glass block window replaced the existing window to allow natural light in and gives the privacy needed for bathing. A linen cabinet was added where the shower was for more storage. The vanity increased in length and a raised ledge above gives additional counter space for toiletries.

A soft, grey & white color palette was chosen, and color is interjected through towels and accessories. A variety of tile sizes were used in the shower, ranging from the small mosaic, to large 30" x 30" wall tiles for interest.

INTRODUCING AMBER WEEKLEY

Amber is the newest member of the CK+B design and sales team. The challenge of creating a functional space is Amber's favorite part of the design process. She enjoys tailoring each room to the individual client's needs and budget. Growing up in Stillwater and living in a 18th Century home



herself, she loves old houses and the quirks that come with them but also has an appreciation for transitional and modern design.

Amber has 16 years of experience in the remodeling industry, a Certificate in Kitchen and Bath Design from Century College and is a 2-time CODY Award Winner. Her projects have been published in multiple magazines and brochures and she has had the opportunity to work on several celebrity kitchens.

With a passion for cooking, Amber enjoys entertaining and grilling authentic barbeque on her Big Green Egg grill. She also loves the outdoors, camping and fishing.

We are so excited to have Amber join our team of designers!

FREE REMODELING SEMINARS THIS FALL

If we cannot meet in person, we will have a virtual seminar that you can see through zoom

Remodeling Your Kitchen and Bath With Aging In Place In Mind

11:30am-1:00pm September 19 & October 17, 2020

Are You (or your parents) living in a home that needs adjustments to stay there longer? This seminar goes beyond simple adjustments. CK+B can completely remodel your home to make changes that help age in place for independence, health and wellness.

This Includes:

- Technology
- Appliances
- Materials
- · Showers/Tubs
- Accessories and lighting
- Plumbing Fixture

How To Avoid The Biggest Kitchen and Bath Remodeling Mistakes

9:00-10:30am September 19 & October 17, 2020

When you don't pay attention to good design basics, there can be costly mistakes. Crystal Kitchen + Bath will share their insights and helpful hints about the remodeling process and allow you to ask questions along the way. Homeowners contemplating a kitchen and bath remodel are invited.

- The importance of the kitchen work triangle
- How cabinet accessories can maximize your storage
- How a remodel can benefit your family and improve your quality of life
- Tips on budgeting for your project—long and short term
- Design trends—keeping up with the times
- Signs of quality in materials and services

WHERE / Crystal Kitchen+Bath, 3620 Winnetka Ave N, Crystal MN, 55427 RSVP / Call 763-544-5950. Seating is Limited.



COVID 19

Wow! Who would have thought. We have been able to stay open and keep our open remodeling jobs on schedule. We even managed to sell some kitchens and bathrooms. We also found out how much can be done from home (and I do like less traffic).

WAYS WE ARE WORKING:

- **1.** We are continuing to have meetings in our showroom and virtual meetings over Zoom and shared computer screens.
- 2. We can provide a live showroom tour
- 3. We try to sequence trade so only one crew is in your home at a time
- 4. Inspections are done with face time
- **5.** We have masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer, and will wear them in your home, selection shopping, and showroom. And we make concerted efforts to sanitize our showroom daily.

VIRTUAL ADDITIONS –

Check out our website, U-Tube channel, and blogs!

- We have added a **virtual showroom tour** to our web site
- Educational videos are being added to our YouTube channel, explaining everything from accessories to cabinet construction
- Seminars will be available in person at our showroom or online
- Blogs posts are focusing on: Home offices, organizational ideas, aging and wellness in our home in the midst of Covid

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