

# NARI CotY Award Entry

## Residential Interior

Category: Over \$500K

### Project Description

When it comes to the world of homeownership, clients often find themselves facing a common dilemma - to remodel or to build from scratch? This was exactly the question our clients initially grappled with. While building a new home seemed like an enticing option, they ultimately opted for the remodeling route after careful consideration of the exorbitant costs involved. Their current home had become a source of frustration, with insufficient storage space and outdated aesthetics. And so, our skilled team took on the challenge of completely renovating their house, breathing new life into each room to perfectly align with the family's needs and desires.

We embarked on this transformative journey by first addressing the most pivotal pain points of the homeowners - starting with the kitchen. With a keen eye for functionality and design, we seamlessly redesigned the space and even added a fabulous walk-in pantry. The new kitchen not only served its purpose but also exuded a captivating aesthetic. In addition to the kitchen, we also tailored a mudroom, laundry room, and thoughtfully reconfigured the dining area to effortlessly cater to their entertaining needs.

The transformation continued into the primary bedroom and bathroom, where our team executed custom-built organizational solutions that maximized space and efficiency. To create the ultimate spa-like retreat, we installed a luxurious walk-in shower and tub, ensuring that every moment spent there felt like pure indulgence. Not stopping there, we also meticulously revamped three bedrooms and two guest bathrooms to perfectly accommodate their growing family.

But our dedication didn't stop at the main living areas. We recognized the importance of every nook and cranny, infusing elements of elegance and functionality into even the utility spaces of the house. The family room was completely reinvented, showcasing top-notch cabinetry and impeccable finishes. And to add an extra element of entertainment, we created a remarkable rec room, complete with a pool table, a wet bar adorned with custom shelf units, and a cozy seating area. Every space within the home underwent a careful transformation, ensuring that each and every family need was met in a tasteful and functional manner.

Throughout the project, we didn't just focus on practicality - we also placed a strong emphasis on style. We updated each space with fashionable finishings, eye-catching light fixtures, and carefully curated color schemes. The result was nothing short of stunning - a beautiful modern home that surpassed the client's wildest aspirations.

In conclusion, the journey of our clients serves as an inspiring example of the numerous benefits of remodeling over building new homes. By entrusting our skilled team with their outdated house, they witnessed the incredible transition into a beautiful and functionally modern home. With each room thoughtfully redesigned and updated, we successfully crafted a space that not only fulfills the family's needs but also provides an elevated and luxurious living experience.

# FOYER & OFFICE SPACE

The transformation of this foyer and office space was an exciting and rewarding challenge for our team. We took on the task of not only improving the functionality of the space but also creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for guests. The homeowners, a lovely family with a growing number of members, were faced with the additional challenge of limited seating space for family meals and hosting family and friends for holidays or parties. We worked closely with them to come up with creative solutions that maximized the use of every inch in the area, ensuring that every family member had a comfortable place to sit and enjoy meals together.

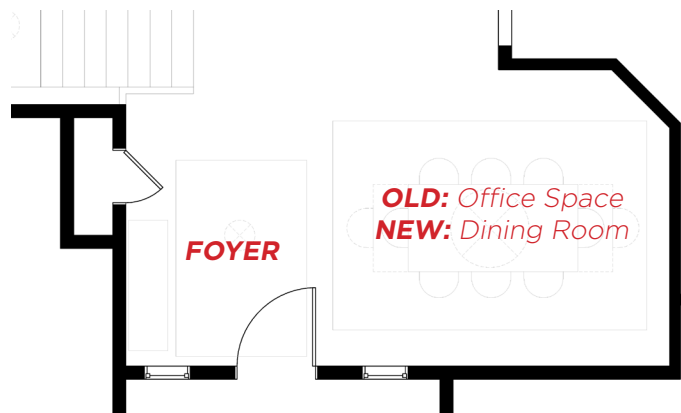


Figure 1: **AFTER** Foyer & Dining Room Floor Plan



Figure 2: **BEFORE** Office Space

We removed the wall that separated the office (on the left) and the foyer (on the right), along with two other walls enclosing the office space. This renovation enhanced the flow and openness of the area, creating a more welcoming and collaborative environment.



Figure 3: **BEFORE** Foyer



Figure 4: **AFTER** Foyer + New Dining Room

Through careful planning and expert execution, our team was able to transform a cramped office space into a spacious and elegant dining room. By removing three walls and the old office door, we opened up the area to the foyer and great room, creating a welcoming open-concept design perfect for entertaining. We added a new entry door and defining millwork to the walls, elevating the overall sophistication of the space. The custom-built buffet cabinet and additional millwork provide ample storage and detail to the room, while all new lighting, paint, doors, and flooring bring the entire main level together seamlessly. Throughout the project, our focus was on creating a functional yet beautiful space for our client, and we are thrilled with the end result.



# GREAT ROOM

Upon first glance of the great room in this home, it was clear that there were a few pain points that the homeowner was struggling with. The arched soffit and columns created an awkward separation between the kitchen and great room, leaving the space feeling disjointed and outdated. To add to this, the carpeting transition only exacerbated this divide between areas. The fireplace and built-ins, while once a prominent feature of the room, were now feeling heavy and dating the overall look of the home. And finally, the space allocated for the TV was too small, making it impossible to accommodate larger models. With all of these issues at play, one can easily understand why the homeowner was seeking a renovation of their great room.



Figure 5: **BEFORE** Great Room



Figure 6: **BEFORE** Great Room

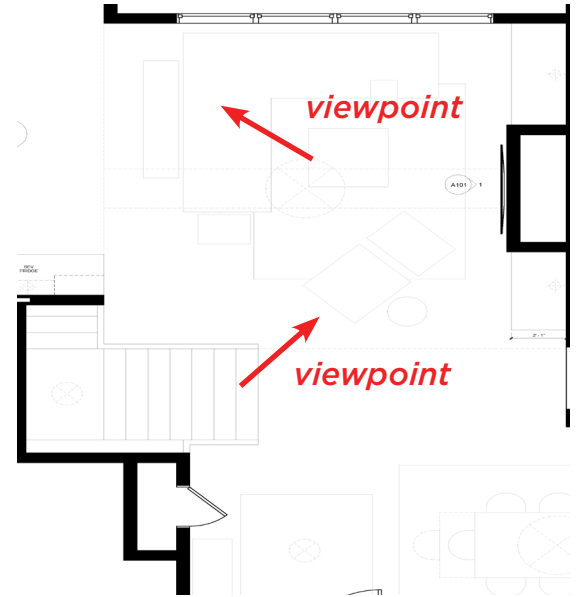


Figure 7: **AFTER** Great Room Floor Plan  
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Our renovation solutions for this homeowner transformed the space, creating an open and inviting atmosphere. We connected the living room and kitchen by removing soffits, pony walls, and columns, ensuring a seamless transition. Additionally, hardwood floors replaced the carpeting throughout the main floor, adding warmth and charm. The fireplace and built-in were replaced with all-new cabinetry, a striking feature wall with black-stained rift sawn oak cabinets, floating shelves, accent wall sconce light fixtures, and stunning black grasscloth wallpaper. The result is a breathtaking and functional space.



Figure 8: **AFTER** Great Room

# KITCHEN

The homeowner decided to renovate their kitchen to improve both its functionality and appearance. They wanted a larger center island to provide more seating for the family, and they also needed kitchen appliances that better suited their culinary needs. The outdated countertops and tile made the kitchen feel old and worn, and the inadequate lighting was a constant source of frustration.

We were able to completely transform the kitchen into a stunning culinary workspace. We added extensive cabinetry that reached all the way up to the ceiling, giving the kitchen a beautiful, elegant touch. We also installed a spacious center island that can comfortably seat up to five people. To enhance the cooking experience, we added luxurious Viking appliances ensuring that every meal feels like a gourmet feast. The countertops were upgraded with a combination of quartz and decorative backsplash tiles, seamlessly tying the whole kitchen together. Finally, we installed LED recessed lighting and pendant lights to provide ample illumination for every task in the kitchen.



Figure 9: **BEFORE** Kitchen

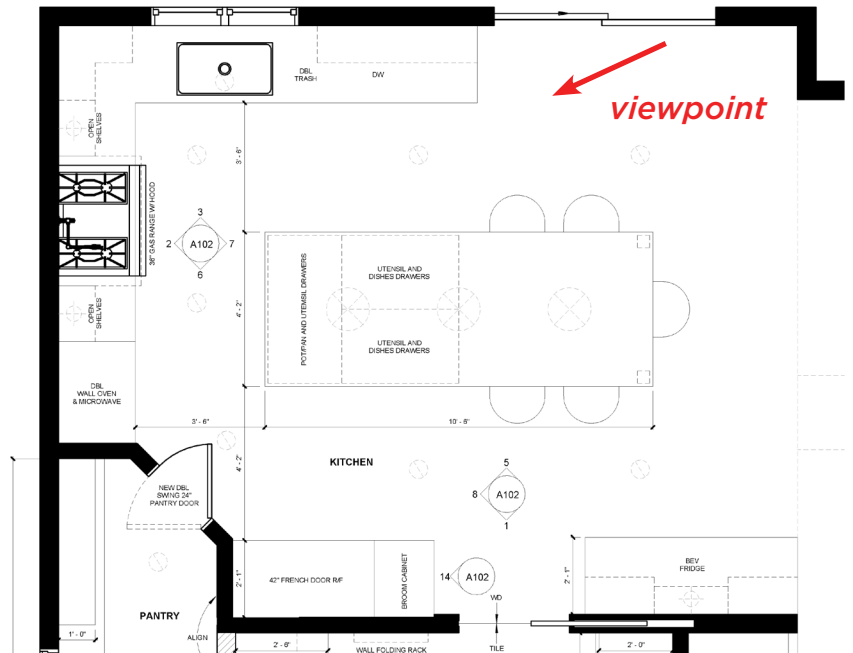


Figure 10: **AFTER** Kitchen Floor Plan  
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Figure 11: **AFTER** Kitchen

The cooktop area and hood vent were expertly expanded to accommodate a remarkable Viking cooktop and oven, while incorporating multiple wall ovens to provide unparalleled cooking capabilities.



# KITCHEN - DESK

We transformed the unproductive desk area in the kitchen into a visually captivating and on-trend buffet and beverage center. The sleek, modern design of the buffet complements the kitchen's aesthetic, while the addition of a sophisticated beverage refrigerator adds timeless class. This multifunctional area now provides ample storage and serves as a focal point for guests. With its stylish and practical features, this revamped space effortlessly combines beauty and functionality in one seamless design, becoming the heart of our kitchen.



Figure 12: **BEFORE** Kitchen Desk Area

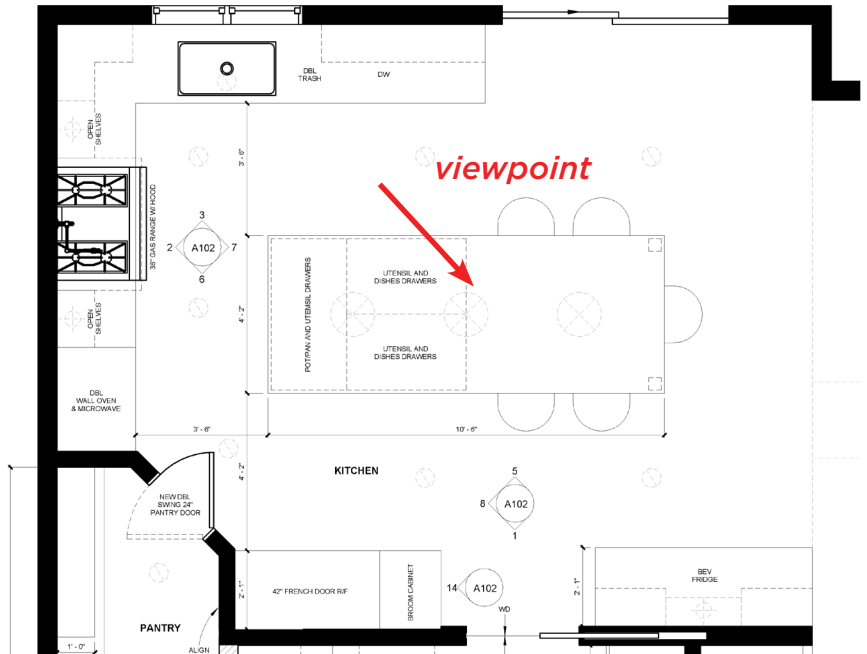


Figure 13: **AFTER** Kitchen Floor Plan  
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Figure 14: **AFTER** Kitchen Desk Area

The desk transformation seamlessly bridged the kitchen and the great room, creating an uninterrupted open-layout space that enhances both functionality and aesthetics.

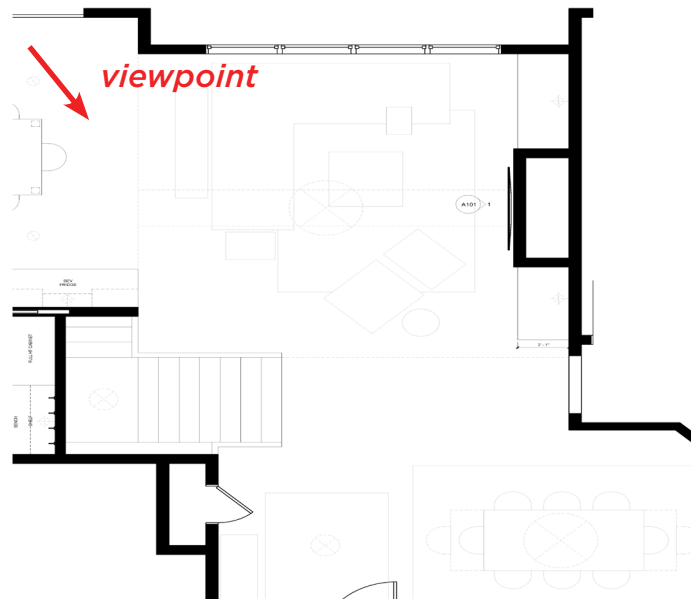


Figure 15: **AFTER** Kitchen & Great Room Floor Plan  
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# KITCHEN - PANTRY

By reconfiguring the mudroom and laundry room strategically, we transformed the existing pantry into a remarkable walk-in pantry. This new space not only meets the storage needs but also triples the previous storage capacity, improving usability and convenience.



Figure 16: **BEFORE** Kitchen Pantry

The installation of the window not only enhances the perceived spaciousness of the room, but also introduces an abundance of natural light, creating a welcoming and airy atmosphere.

Furthermore, the pantry has been meticulously organized, ensuring that the homeowners can effortlessly locate any specific items they desire.

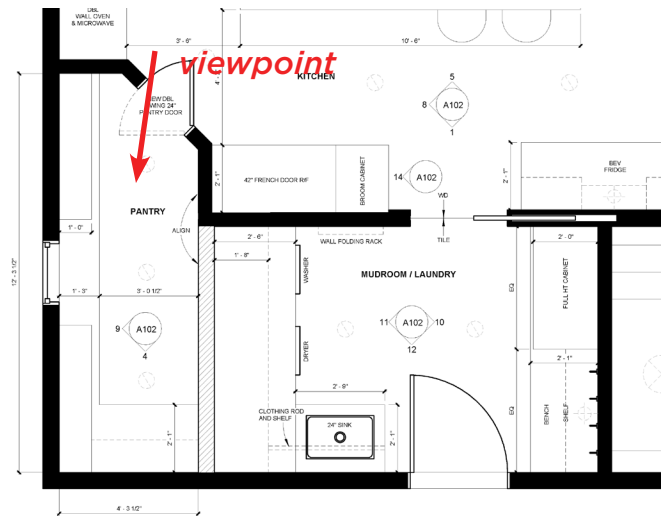


Figure 17: **AFTER** Kitchen / Mudroom Floor Plan  
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Figure 18: **AFTER** Kitchen Pantry



# MUDROOM & LAUNDRY ROOM

The mudroom and laundry area underwent a complete transformation in this renovation project to meet the homeowners' functional needs. Our expert team optimized space utilization, addressing storage limitations and an awkwardly placed partial wall. We created custom-designed storage solutions, including shoe cubbies, laundry baskets, and ample counter space for folding, to tackle the organization challenge. The laundry room was reconfigured to create a stunning walk-in pantry. The result? A bright and cheerful ambiance that warmly welcomes the homeowners from the garage. Every detail was meticulously addressed to create a space they can take pride in. It's not just a renovation, but a transformation that streamlines their daily routine and brings joy to their lives.



Figure 19: **BEFORE** Mudroom / Laundry

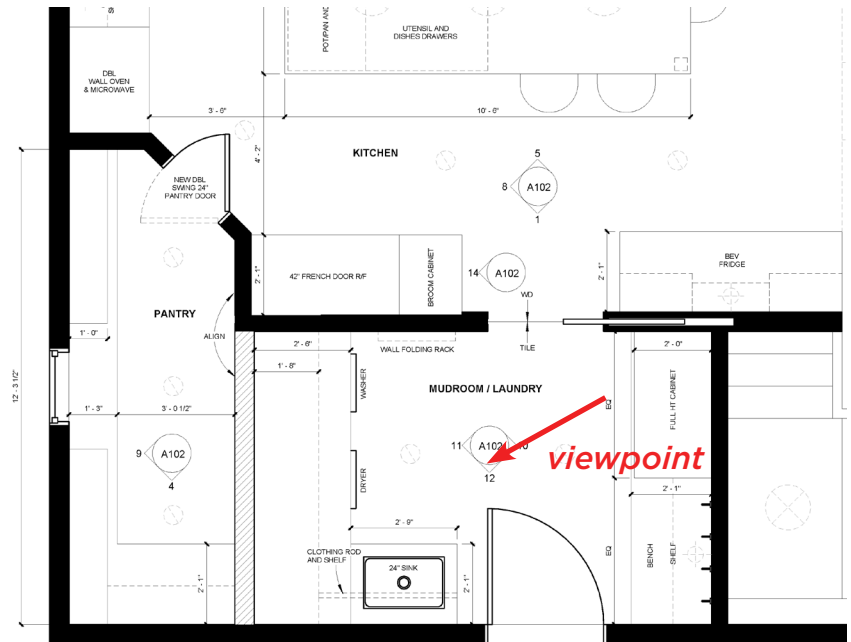


Figure 20: **AFTER** Kitchen / Mudroom Floor Plan  
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Figure 21: **AFTER** Mudroom / Laundry

# MASTER BATHROOM

Our renovation project produced remarkable results in the bathroom, overcoming initial challenges presented by a dark and dated space. We tackled numerous obstacles, including a cramped shower area and outdated plumbing fixtures, through a complete overhaul of the room. By removing the dividing wall, we created an open and light-filled sanctuary that exudes tranquility. To enhance the spa-like ambiance requested by the homeowners, we added a freestanding soaking tub, an expansive shower with a sleek frameless glass enclosure, and double shower heads. The incorporation of exquisite tile details adds a touch of sophistication. Furthermore, we designed a custom vanity with improved storage capacity and a dedicated makeup counter. Accentuating the overall brightness, we incorporated free-hanging mirrors, tasteful wall light sconces, and brand-new overhead lighting fixtures. To add a final touch of elegance, we utilized metallic grasscloth wallpaper, truly completing this magnificent transformation.

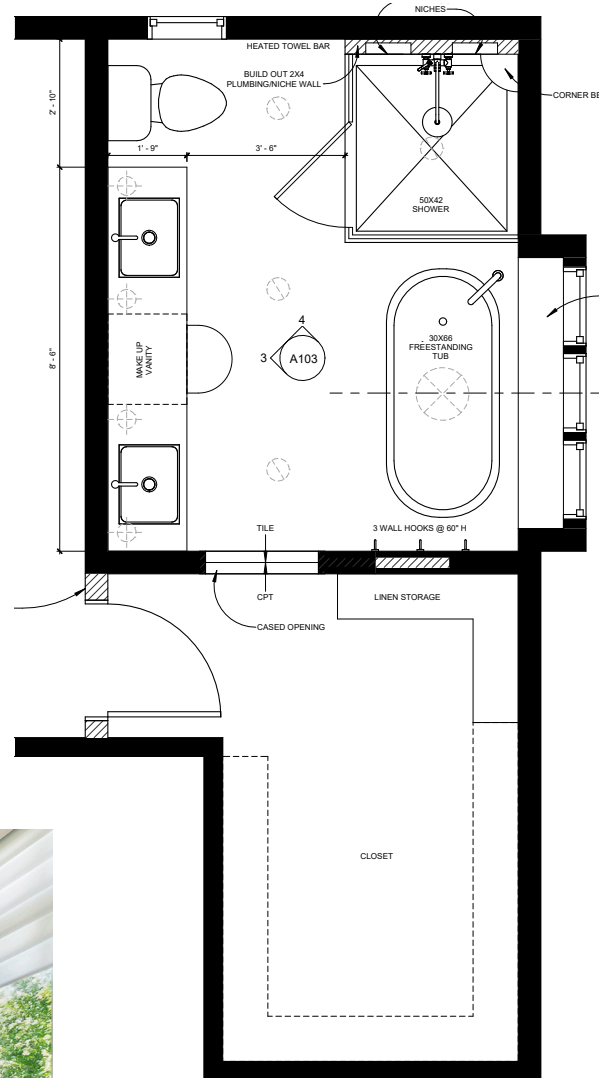


Figure 23: **AFTER** Master Bath Floor Plan



Figure 22: **AFTER** Master Bath



Figure 24: **BEFORE** Master Bath



# LOWER LEVEL

The lower level has been transformed, taking it from a lackluster space to one that exudes warmth and ambiance. In our efforts to enhance this area, we carefully incorporated elements that reflect our clients' love for travel, as well as their extensive collection of animals and art pieces from around the world. The result is an enchanting lower level that seamlessly blends with the rest of the home. With a modern and global aesthetic, we curated a diverse range of materials and textures, skillfully combining rustic woods, black accents, and brushed gold elements. These thoughtful selections create an inviting atmosphere that is both rustic and modern. Not only did we enhance the cozy family room with a new fireplace, but we also added custom cabinets and shelving to artfully display cherished treasures.



Figure 25: **BEFORE** Lower Level

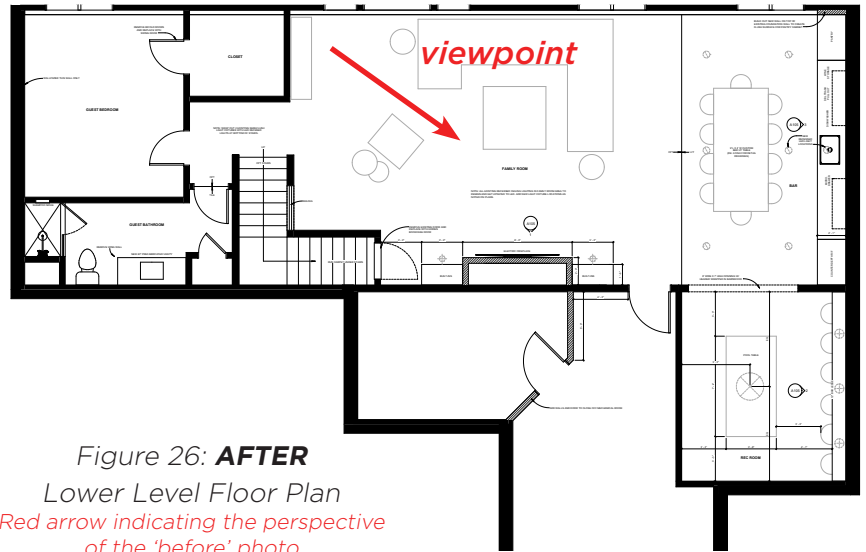


Figure 26: **AFTER**  
Lower Level Floor Plan  
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Figure 27: **AFTER** Lower Level



# LOWER LEVEL BAR

The lower level presented a significant challenge with its undersized and inadequate bar area, which needed to be transformed into a welcoming space for entertaining guests. The aim was to create an ambiance of comfort and coziness. The focal point of the renovation was the new bar, an exquisite masterpiece that stretches seamlessly across the entire room. It boasts a wealth of features, including a full-sized refrigerator, an ice maker, a convenient drawer microwave, and ample storage. Custom-designed shelving units, suspended elegantly from brass supports detailed with rivets, hang from the ceiling, while handcrafted wood shelves add a charming touch. The bar wall, adorned with beautiful barnwood, combines perfectly with the quartz countertops, sporting a sleek taller edge profile for a refined finish. Meticulous attention to every detail has transformed this lower level into a breathtaking addition to their home, inviting everyone to gather and relish the time spent.



Figure 28: **AFTER** Lower Level Bar

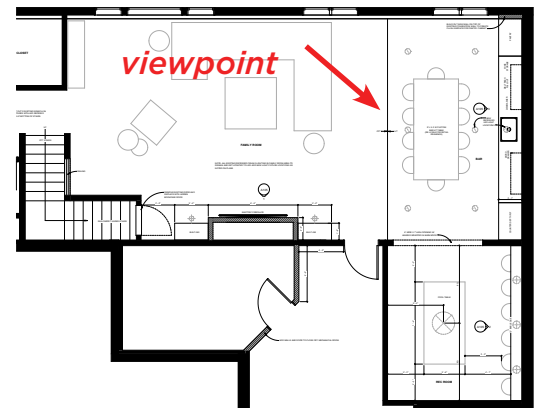


Figure 29: **AFTER**  
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# LOWER LEVEL REC ROOM

We successfully addressed an additional challenge during this project by repurposing the previously unused space behind the bar. Our team skillfully transformed it into a captivating game room that seamlessly integrated with the main living area. By removing the wall that separated the storage room from the bar, we created a designated area perfect for a pool table. Furthermore, we enhanced the atmosphere of the rec room by adding a handcrafted live edge wood bar ledge, providing both functionality and aesthetic appeal. To add a touch of elegance, we adorned the walls with luxurious black grasscloth embellished with gold rivets, while the ceiling was painted strikingly black, creating a truly dramatic ambiance.



Figure 30: **AFTER** Rec Room



# ADDITIONAL SPACES

Experience the breathtaking transformation of this stunning home through a series of remarkable renovations. Step inside and be captivated by the meticulous attention to detail and exquisite craftsmanship that has brought this charming residence up to date.

Among the many highlights of this remarkable renovation are the two newly remodeled guest bedrooms on the main level. Immerse yourself in the warm and inviting ambiance as you enter the first guest bedroom, cleverly transformed into a spacious and fully-equipped home office. With a thoughtfully designed layout and modern amenities, it caters to the needs of those working remotely, offering a comfortable and productive environment.

Adjacent to the home office, discover the second guest bedroom, elegantly reimaged with a touch of luxury. Every element has been carefully considered, from the plush bedding to the tasteful decor, creating an inviting retreat for family and friends. The guest bathroom on this level has undergone a complete facelift, bidding farewell to its outdated fiberglass bathtub surround. In its place, a lavish oversized shower takes center stage, adorned with exquisite tile floors and walls. A brand-new vanity, toilet, lighting, and custom millwork add the perfect finishing touches, creating a space that is both functional and visually stunning.

As you venture to the lower level, you'll find that the upgrades continue to impress. The guest bedroom has been revitalized, breathing new life into the space. Every detail has been carefully considered, from the soothing color palette to the comfortable furnishings, ensuring a restful and inviting atmosphere. The generously-sized walk-in closet has also been thoughtfully transformed to maximize its functionality, providing ample storage space for all your needs.

The bathroom on the lower level has undergone a similar makeover, boasting an expansive shower that invites you to indulge in a moment of relaxation. A sleek new vanity, toilet, and lighting have been carefully selected to create a harmonious and modern aesthetic. Completing the transformation is a stunning floor-to-ceiling vanity cabinet, adding a touch of elegance and sophistication.

These remarkable enhancements have not only brought this charming home up to date but have also injected it with a unique sense of character. Every room tells a story, showcasing the passion and creativity that went into every design decision. Prepare to be captivated by the breathtaking results of this remarkable renovation, where every detail has been carefully curated to create a home that is both functional and visually stunning.