

Stately Colonial

Transforming a 4,500 square foot home back to its original colonial charm.

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How it Began:

A 1936 stately Colonial always caught the eye of a young girl who would walk by it frequently growing up in the city. Decades later, it became her family's home. With the dream to modernize the inside, they enlisted our team to combine the best of the old with the new to make it sing for this family of four. This remodel took elements from the home's colonial bones and combined great design to create optimal flow and tons of storage options. With efforts to work within the existing floor plan, our team transformed all 4,500 square feet into the space of our client's dreams.

The remodel at a glance:

Kitchen	Dining Room Archway + Wallcovering
Formal Living Room	Great Room
Entry Room	Main Level Powder Bath
Mudroom	Main Level and Lower-Level Stairway
Lower Level	Lower- Level Powder
Master Closet	Primary Suite
Junior Suite	Exterior

Before Interiors:

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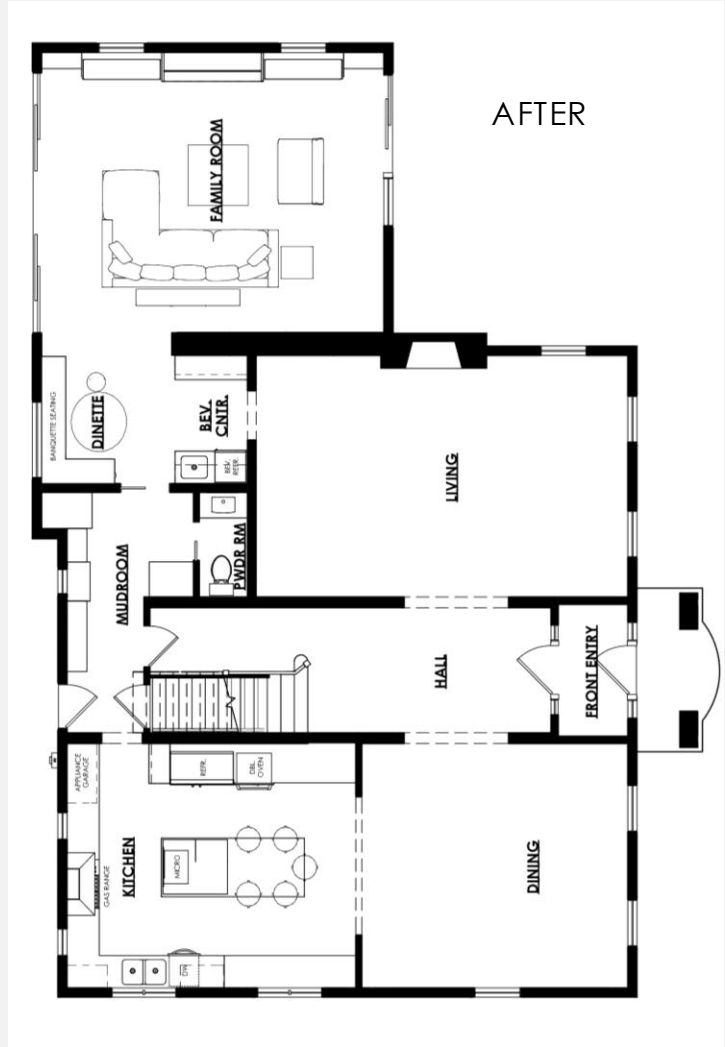
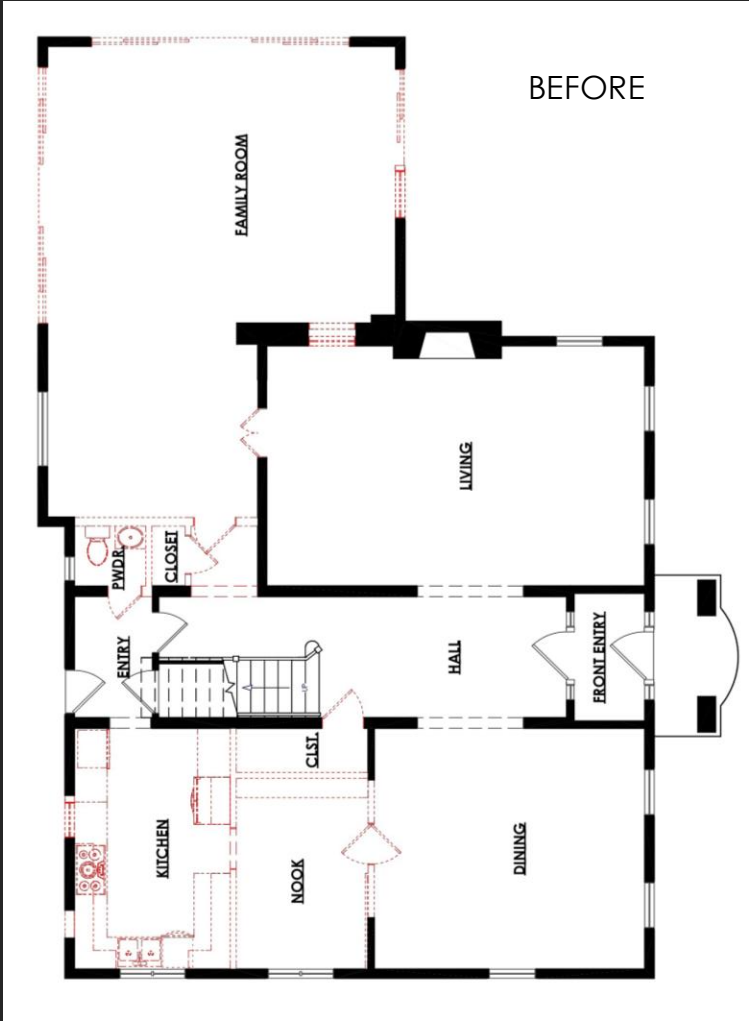
Client Objectives

Our client knew the potential this home had and entrusted us with hopes of transforming this entire space into the perfect home for a family of four. Our clients enjoy sharing their home with the neighbor kids and family, but the space was lacking in function. We needed to optimize space and create a flow that was convenient for the family.

Remodeling Desires:

1. Functional Floor plan with optimized storage.
2. Easy access to and from the kitchen.
3. Efficient mudroom that offered storage lockers.
4. Wet bar with a buffet nook for morning meals.
5. Finished lower- level for entertainment space.

Floor Plans



Tackling the Challenge

Project Challenges:

- Our clients came to us with a priority list to better fit their lifestyle. Our team had to figure out how to bring this colonial home back to life within its original footprint. The compact kitchen that featured a small passthrough window- needed to go. Our clients were unable to cook and bake the way they wanted to in its existing form. The wall in between the existing kitchen and the dinette needed to be removed. This would allow the kitchen to expand without adding any additional square footage.
- Removing the wall next to the formal dining room would create a unified floor plan, improving the overall flow of the home. With efforts to restore its colonial charm, our team would replicate the new archway to its original.
- A dysfunctional back hallway served as our client's "makeshift" mudroom. With lots of shoes and sporting attire, our clients longed for lockers that could keep this space tidy.

Removal of this wall allowed our team to expand the kitchen and add an island for entertaining and food prep.



Removal of this wall would conjoin the formal dining room and kitchen into two unified spaces.

Making Life Easier



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- To blend our client's wishes of colonial and up-to-date- we would optimize the floor plan in a way that worked for present-day living. By keeping a solid timeless backdrop of hard finishes that will stand the test of time, it was important to have some fun with accents and colors.
 - Our clients felt that the home was too divided, and each room could not easily be used. There needed to be a connection from the dining room to the kitchen, and from the kitchen to the great room.
 - With a lot of square footage to remodel, our team needed to make sure that we made each space unique, but still worked well as one.
 - The colors in the home have modern touches but emulate its original charm in a tasteful way. Graphic wall coverings, modern cabinet hardware and sparkling light fixtures also keep things current and punchy yet feel right at home.
 - It was our goal to make these spaces interact with each other and flow together seamlessly. Reconfiguring the space was crucial for this home to feel current.

Kitchen Transformation



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Creating Corners



Optimized Flow



Removing this wall provides more room for an island and buffet table under the window- positioned like it's always been there.



Smoke green cabinetry feels fitting yet fresh, while a roomy island topped with a massive slab of ironbridge quartz provides plenty of seating plus hidden storage drawers.

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Custom Details

To help blend traditional with modern, we paired a stained white oak buffet with patterned wallpaper that is reminiscent of colonial times. The classic color combination of white and green is a timeless choice.



Our team created a luxurious yet traditional kitchen with custom cabinetry and millwork, elegant light fixtures, and unique tilework. Oak cabinetry and neutral floors brought the richness of this home back to life. The centerpiece of the kitchen is the custom range hood and marble stone mosaic hydrangea tile.

Creative Spaces



Colonial Curves



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After removing the joining wall from the dining room, our team was able to replicate the original archway that is shown in the image. With this repetition, it feels as if the new archway has always been there.

The original wall only had a small doorway to get to and from the kitchen, leaving one of the most used areas in the house feel closed off.



Entryway Refresh



The front entry was transformed with bold patterned wallpaper and stained glass; while keeping the original archway that was mimicked in the new curves and transitions throughout the house.

A new carpet runner and a fresh coat of paint have transformed this space enormously. The repetition of the oak is carried out here as well. Refurbished box moulding helps this space feel current- yet match its original style. Eliminating closet doors and reconfiguring the mudroom has given this entry a new purpose- with a much better flow.

Level Up



Mudroom Masterpiece





Mudroom Transformation

The original mudroom lacked in functional storage and optimal space. The back hallway acted as an enter and exit to the backyard for the family- but offered no cabinet storage for their necessities.

The space would need to be reconfigured to open the hallway and create flow from the kitchen to the great room while providing locker room storage and keeping room for a powder bath.

We wanted to make sure that we stayed true to the colonial design aesthetic when selecting the color palette, light fixtures, and cabinetry details.



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Making Life Easier

As you can see in the before image, this hallway space was not optimized with its space. This mudroom remodel features five custom white oak storage lockers, finished with stenciled cutouts that not only provide airflow but also embody a colonial sensibility. This was the perfect solution for coats, shoes, and sporting apparel storage.

The unique floor tile was chosen to add a design element and uphold the wear and tear from the outdoors.

A powder bath was important to keep on the first floor, but without a seamless flow to the great room, our team needed to find a way to reconfigure the original bathroom.



Functional Upgrade

The existing hallway was confined and cramped, with one opening leading to the entryway, and another door leading to the great room. The original bathroom sat at the back of the house. Our team removed the powder bath and reconfigured it in between the mudroom and entryway hallway with a pocket door. We were able to create more space by removing the small doorway to the great room. This allowed family and guests to seamlessly mingle in between the rooms within the house.

Colonial with a twist:

To perk up the classic colonial hues of blue, green, white, and brass, our team added in pops of navy, coral, rust, and gold.



Great Room Transformation

One of the wish list items was an informal breakfast nook that could also be a spot for games and family bonding. The new space does just that. The wet bar acts as a storage space for beverages and a prepping station for entertaining.



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This dated space only offered storage, lacking in a cozy great room that our clients wished for.



Great Room



New Openings



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Lower Level Plans

With a family that has a love for movies and gaming, this unfinished and dark lower level with nothing but a unique fireplace, held so much potential. Our team produced a design that added historical touches and functional relaxation.

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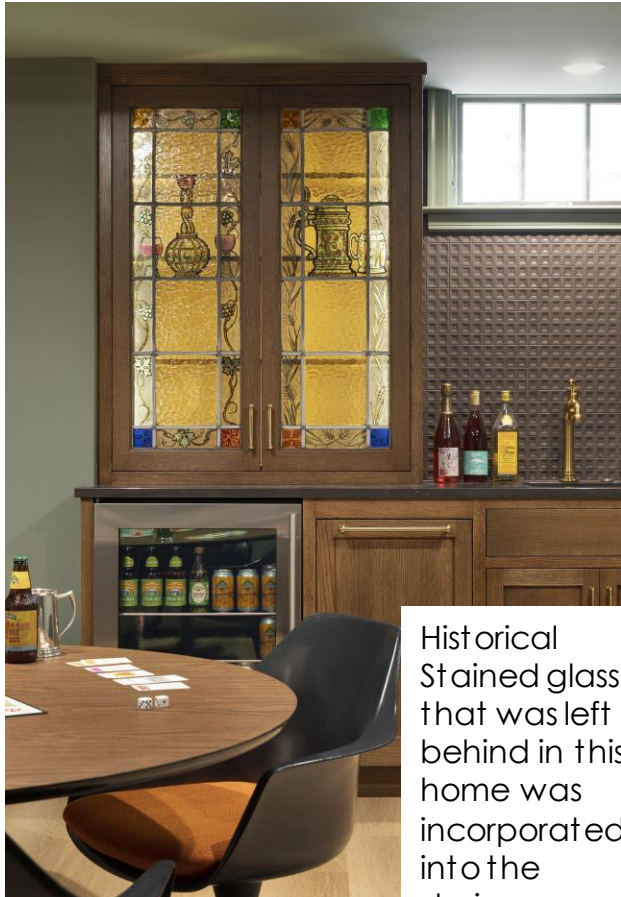
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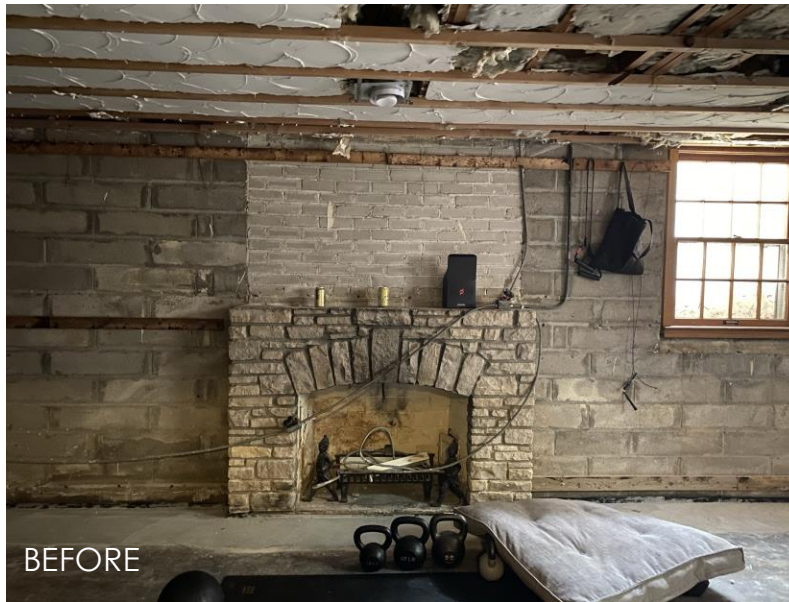
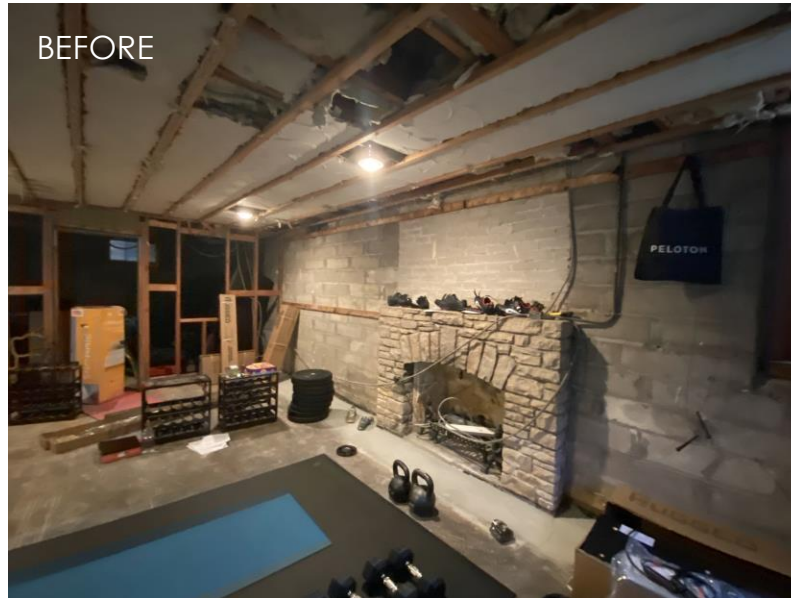


LOWER LEVEL REMODEL PLAN
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Lower Level Charm



Historical Stained glass that was left behind in this home was incorporated into the design.



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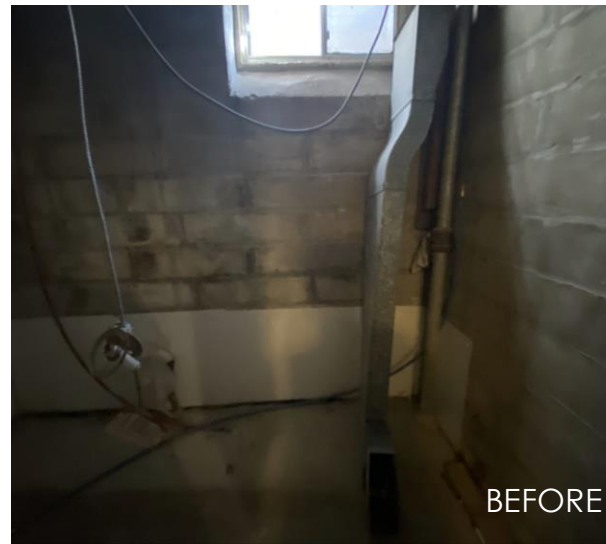
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A similar trim to the upstairs was replicated in the lower level, with a pop of green that added to the ambiance.

Lower Level Powder Bath

Once an unfinished, unused, and dark corner of the basement, is now a bright and fun lower level powder. The design elements in this space were inspired by the green kitchen.



Second Level Plans

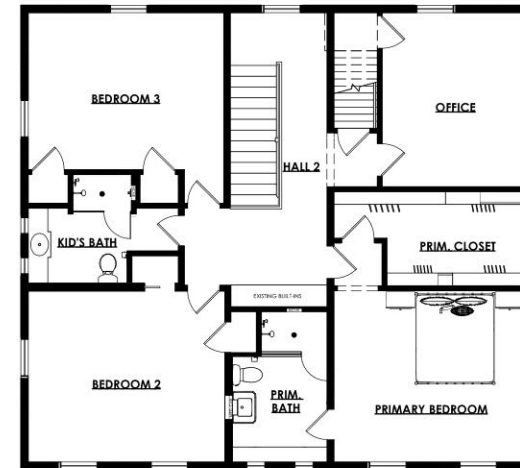
On the second level, our team remodeled the master closet, primary suite, and junior suite. These spaces needed an upgrade that helped match the charm of the rest of the home.

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2nd FLOOR EXISTING / DEMO PLAN
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2nd FLOOR REMODEL PLAN
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Primary Suite

The existing primary suite lacked appeal and character. With an outdated vanity and bathroom sink, it was our goal to make this the ultimate spot to get ready in the morning.

This remodeled primary bathroom embodies mixing the old with the new. Scalloped shaped marble tile floors with a black border bring the art deco element that is contrasted with bright wall covering that has a decades-old feel.



Junior Suite

An existing junior sweet housed a small bathtub that did not optimize the space of the bathroom for two kids. A standing shower and new tile transformed this suite into a playful space.

A custom tile pattern was created for the junior suite. This was a collaboration between the clients and our team.



Indoor- Outdoor Sanctuary

New windows and doors were installed to the great room to provide the best sunlight and sitting view. Exterior repairs were made to help elevate the space for both socializing spots. This room now acts as a great indoor-outdoor sanctuary.

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Exterior Repairs



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