

Major Home Remodel | \$130,000 - \$160,000

This retired couple wanted to keep the charm of the 1947 cottage home but make it work for their current and future needs. Their main complaint with the existing home was that they felt “trapped”. Main traffic patterns within the home were tight and the kitchen felt claustrophobic.

With one small bathroom, an owner’s suite was high priority. The new plan used an existing bedroom to create space for an owner’s bathroom. The new owner’s bath was designed with a curb-less shower to grow with future needs. In effort to retain the character of the home, the original glass doorknobs were repurposed as dummy knobs for the closet doors in this space. Additionally the poorly designed hall bath was rearranged and updated.

The new design focused on functionality and use of every space in the small home. This plan required some structural changes to be made to the common framed roof to open walls for ease of movement. The new kitchen design allows greater flow to the dining room, bathroom and backyard. This was accomplished by widening the entry from the dining into the kitchen and opening up the back wall of the kitchen into an existing back bedroom. The back bedroom exterior window was replaced with French doors for access to the back yard. Barn doors were added allowing the multipurpose space to become a bedroom for guests when needed.

All appliances, plumbing, heating/cooling, lighting, and switching were simplified and updated. Oak hardwood flooring was installed throughout the whole home over new floor joists and subfloor. The new circular driveway was added to create ease of accessibility on the busy street.