

# PERFECTLY BLENDED

Radical surgery transformed this fifties rambler into a striking two-story that blends perfectly into the Tudor-happy Minnehaha Creek neighborhood. The owners are parents who love the creek and their neighbors, but badly needed more room than the three-bedroom rambler afforded.

Instead of moving, they hired Mark Warren of Warren Home Restorations to "bump up" the second floor, and add a first-floor addition. The result: a now-spacious home with a master suite and three additional bedrooms and two baths upstairs.

The downstairs addition is relatively small (proximity to Minnehaha Creek restricted the design) but dramatic floor plan changes enabled the inclusion of a fabulous family room and expanded kitchen. The living room and dining room traded places, with a lovely staircase tucked into the latter, while an existing porch became a functional mudroom with plenty of storage.

"A project like this presents a lot of challenges," says Warren, "but in the end, it's a cost-effective way to achieve a larger home." Learn more at 952-474-6798 [www.wrestorations.com](http://www.wrestorations.com)



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With space enough for a busy family household, the mudroom (formerly a porch) also provides access to the back yard and the creek.



Views on the creek and custom-designed cabinetry make the kitchen a joyful workspace. An adjacent butler's pantry expands the room.



Crews constructed custom built-ins to match those already in what was the home's living room, but now serves as a formal dining area.

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