

Shaping Up

Hurst Design-Build-Remodel

THE HOMEOWNERS OF THIS 1920s

home loved their Cleveland Heights neighborhood and, while the house needed repair, the couple wanted to continue living in the home where they had raised their family. “The home was definitely showing its age with structural and mechanical issues as well as the dated look and functionality of the home,” says Pat Hurst, co-owner of Hurst Design-Build-Remodel.

Their wish list included an updated kitchen, a mother-in-law suite and an improved outdoor living space, and soon a whole-house remodel was in the works. “The basement required significant work due to years of water damage, [and] whole-house air conditioning was on the client’s wish list. Because the home is heated by a boiler, adding air conditioning was a challenge,” says Hurst.

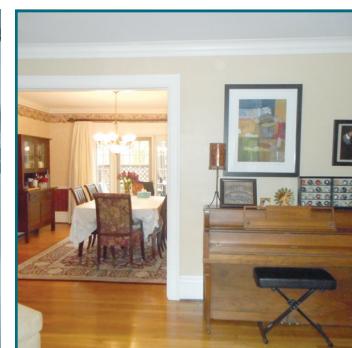
Along with the mechanical challenges came a big design challenge — creating a first-floor in-law suite and large, eat-in kitchen with plenty of space for entertaining. “The homeowners thought an addition would be necessary,” explains Hurst. “Although challenging, a design was created that completely reconfigured the first floor and found solutions that enabled the homeowners to get all of the items on their wish list without having to build an addition.”

The existing kitchen lacked counter space and storage and, aside from a small counter with two chairs, only the cook could fit in the limited space. “[The homeowner] loves to cook and bake for her family including her two grown sons,” says Hurst. Removing the entry door, second stairway, chase wall and powder room created plenty of space for the new eat-in kitchen.

The powder room was relocated and became a part of the new in-law suite master bath on the first floor. “The homeowners wanted a private, peaceful space for their mom to enjoy,” says Hurst. “She would



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need closet space and area to read or watch television”. The design of in-law suite full bath includes a separate door to the water closet and a separate sink so it can double as a powder room for the first floor.

The second-floor master bathroom received its own face-lift with high-end finishes and dual sinks. “The [existing bathroom’s] radiator made a double sink impossible,” says Hurst. “When the new toe-

kick heating system was installed, it gave the designers more options.”

The outside of the home saw an extreme upgrade as well. “The foundation needed significant work to ensure this 1920s house was structurally sound and ready to last another 100 years,” says Hurst. A new wrap-around deck was built as were a new stoop and steps. Salvaged brick veneer from the porch renovation allowed for seamless alterations to the exterior. The improved function of the home has satisfied its long-time owners while retaining its 1920s colonial character and charm.

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