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PROJECT FOCUS:

Whole House
 Renovation



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Contemporary Reconfigure

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THE HOME WAS AHEAD of its time, but time passes, and this Eastlake custom-built contemporary needed an entire interior renovation with fresh finishes. The couple wanted to honor the home's interesting style, while replacing the "old modern" with new.

"Our design team worked with the homeowners to show them the finishes and available options, and because this was a unique style of home, we couldn't just put in standard finishes," says Mark Maltry Jr., owner of JEMM Construction.

The first order of business was to address an awkward entrance from the basement garage — situated that way because the home sits on a steep slope. The previous entry stairs from the garage led up to the great room, requiring the owners to walk through these spaces before reaching the kitchen. The entry also lacked a mudroom/laundry area.

JEMM Construction added an additional stairway by creating a new entry off of the third bay in the garage. The first-floor kitchen, laundry and bathroom were reconfigured to accommodate the new stairway. "This allows the client to utilize the space, so they can pull into the driveway, enter the garage and walk up the new staircase to the mudroom that leads into the kitchen," Maltry describes.

Another space-swap involved moving the second-floor master bedroom to the first floor, which was previously two bedrooms with a Jack-and-Jill bathroom. The finished basement with kitchen could house a fourth bedroom down the road.

Addressing structural changes gave JEMM Construction an op-

portunity to engineer a creative solution to support a bedroom balcony and stairwell, when the owner requested that a column be removed.

"We suspended the balcony with a stainless-steel rod and a special bracket that we had manufactured, which clamps on to a support beam in the attic," Maltry explains. "We had to fish the new beam through the roof and trusses, and from that beam the custom bracket clamps on to the stainless-steel rod that extends into the living room area."

Old stair rails were replaced with a cable system. In the kitchen, flat-front laminate cabinets were replaced with light gray perimeter cabinetry and brown island cabinetry. Luxury vinyl plank flooring in gray-brown complements the new color scheme, which is neutral whites and grays.

Overall, every interior surface of the main house was touched — and the homeowners achieved their goal of updating a truly unique home so it feels similar to the downtown Cleveland townhouse they previously owned. The design process was rewarding, Maltry adds. "These renovations make the floor plan function much better for the owners and their current needs."

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