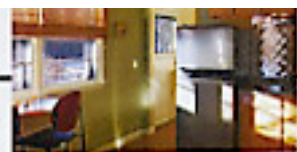


Inside and out, an extensive addition and renovation transformed this ranch house in Charlotte. The exterior is made of cedar shingles, and the new porch is post-and-beam construction.



RENOVATIONS

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Peregrine Design/Build

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BEFORE, IT WAS A TIRED 1960s ranch house, with 1,000 square feet of crowded living space. Today, it's a spacious home with an all-new living room and guest bath, a mudroom with ceramic tile floors, a back deck with an exterior fireplace, a post-and-beam front porch and a detached garage. Even better, it's a sophisticated showcase for the owner's eclectic collection of art, photography, antique glassware, fossils and more.

"We spent close to a year designing every detail," says project manager Rick Vaillancourt of Peregrine Design/Build. "The owner came in every Thursday to meet with our designer, Shawn Sweeney. He wanted a contemporary, minimalist look, which can be hard to do well."

The builders gutted the dated kitchen (see inset photo, above) and added white-oak floors, stainless-steel appliances, a stainless table in the breakfast nook, and a matching stainless backsplash with a diamond pattern. The kitchen ceiling is Venetian plaster, which Peregrine also used on the dining-room ceiling and walls. "The plaster glistens like glass, with pigments that sparkle in the light," says Vaillancourt. "It's really pretty."

The contractors built two sets of stairs that lead to the new living room, which is gracefully divided by a curved, custom-built cabinet with glass shelves for art. The shelves and couch face the fireplace. At the end of the room, built-in window seats offer extra storage, with drawers for the owner's CDs. The window is etched with a scene of Camel's Hump, which duplicates the view east from the home.

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Above: Looking back from the new living room to the original dining room, which was updated with Venetian plaster. The stairs at left lead to the guest bedroom, which was elongated.

Below: A curved custom cabinet, with glass shelves for art and collectibles, is the centerpiece of the contemporary living room. The view east to Camel's Hump is etched into the far window.

