



Everything Old is New Again

A turn-of-the-20th-century Minneapolis home gets a modern makeover.

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Everyone knows when it comes to real estate, it's all about location. But what happens when you find a great location, but the house doesn't meet all your expectations? Remodel, of course.

When the owner first came across this 1908 house in Kenwood, a friend owned it. "I loved the eclectic nature of the house. It reflected almost all the eras of the previous owners," she says. "And, obviously, the location is tremendous." Three years later when the house came up for sale she bought it on a handshake, but not before



a strip of Peruvian walnut near the ceiling to tie everything together. Glass mosaic tiles make up the backsplash and some of the walls.

But that was hardly the end of the renovation.

When the house was completed 18 months later, it boasted a third floor theater room with a 110-inch motorized movie screen that doubles as a shade; a basement exercise room; a three-season porch with gas fireplace and floor-to-ceiling stone chimney, and a three-car garage with in-floor heat and a slate patio on top. The patio has a stone

kitchenette with granite countertops and built-in gas grill, not to mention a retractable sunshade attached to a cedar-timber overhang.

All of which combine to make a great location an even better place to call home. "Every day I walk into my home and say, 'I love my house,'" the owner says. "I had been looking for the right place in Kenwood for seven or eight years and it was worth the wait."

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Above: The clean-lined modern maple table takes center stage in the contemporary kitchen.

The ambered-colored cabinets and glass-paneled pantry to the left of the 48-inch refrigerator were part of a previous renovation. The restaurant-style island features a butcher-block top and provides an additional prep area.