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Look for our Green Dream Home in the May-June issue of *Minnesota Architecture Magazine*! The home, designed in partnership with [Peterssen-Keller Architecture](#), was selected by the American Institute of Architects publication for its fresh design and green features (FSC certified wood, spray foam insulation, geothermal heating/cooling, solar panels, LED lighting, dual flush toilets and EnergyStar appliances). [View the issue on line](#) beginning in May.

DREAM ABOUT IT : FIREPLACE MAKEOVER

Fireplace Makeover: A Marriage of Good Design, Extraordinary Craftsmanship and Elegant Finishes



It's not often that we, as homeowners, prioritize the fireplace when remodeling - yet this dominant architectural element often sets the mood and defines the style of a home.

In the case of one Golden Valley home, the fireplace did more than dominate - it overwhelmed. We were called in for a whole house remodel and knew that a fireplace re-do was top priority.

As a design-build company that offers both architectural design and interior design, we went to work re-creating the fireplace and its adjoining spaces to take the home from "cabin" to "soft contemporary" as desired by our clients. Stone masons were brought in to jack hammer and remove over four tons of field stone boulders (all recycled). These skilled craftsmen then went to work creating the dry-stack limestone base. Our cabinet maker was commissioned to build a new, more elegant upper cabinet to replace the heavy-looking, 1/4" cherry ply paneling. Recessed panels were incorporated to soften the cabinet's overall profile, to give it interest, and provide the depth needed for a flat-panel TV niche. (Doors slide closed to disguise the TV when not in use.) Only the original solid cherry mantel was saved - to compliment cherry trim in adjoining spaces.

Traditional wood spindle railings also were replaced throughout the home with new custom-made metal rails dipped in a bronze powder-coat finish (no chipping ever). Remaining finishes, including furnishings, were selected to compliment the homeowner's contemporary taste:

Lighting: [Zia Priven](#) Ingrid pendant and Emma sconces

Carpet: 100% wool Scanlan berber in "storm cloud"

Wall color: Sherwin Williams' "Amazing Gray"

Fireplace enamel: Sherwin Williams' "Reserved White"

[Contact us](#) when you are ready to give your home a new look.



Before



During



After: Television Niche

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