



A REMODEL MAKES AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Recycling, Donating and Sharing Became a Priority

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sleepy, old cottage with crooked, oxidized windows sits on the wooded peninsula of Lake Macatawa. Just eyeing it, one can hear the clack of the screen door as it closes against the wood frame while groceries are unloaded and children run excitedly in and out. The quaintness beckons you inside, and the warm, inviting interior entices you to stay for a while. The cottage epitomized the homeowners' feelings and became the inspiration for their remodel.

The owners not only reinvented their 12-year-old, West Olive home into a warm, cozy and inviting retreat for everyday living, but also contributed to the community in many ways. Knowing that the stock market was taking a dive, the building industry was slowing, and people were rapidly losing their jobs, they looked for ways to invest in the community. A remodel seemed to offer multiple ways to do that.

They recycled, donated and shared all building materials, along with appliances, hot water heater and furnace.

The details and thoughtful touches incorporated into the project are the result of giving the contractors and landscapers license to use their creativity. In doing so, they not only made substantial improvements to the home, but also enabled those working on the project to showcase their talents.

The house has a small footprint from the exterior, disguising its true size. "It is big in the right places and small in the right places, allowing for gathering of friends and families to be in an atmosphere that is just right," share the homeowners.



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They integrated green technology whenever possible, installing geothermal heating and cooling systems along with low flush toilets. The homeowners also made it a priority to utilize recycled materials in the remodel. The trusses from their existing home were salvaged and reused. The floors are old barn wood. "Someday they will need to be refinished, but now they echo our life and all the bumps, bruises, mess and joy," shares the owner with a sentimental smile.

The family's builder, Mike Baumann, translated their emotions and lifestyle to replicate the appeal of the Lake Macatawa cottage. He also partnered with them on their quest for a greener home. "Mike did his job in an organized, on time and fun way," agree the homeowners.

The remodel was a major undertaking that not only had high expectations for giving, but also receiving. The result is a perfect rendition of the sleepy old cottage that makes you want to stay for a while.





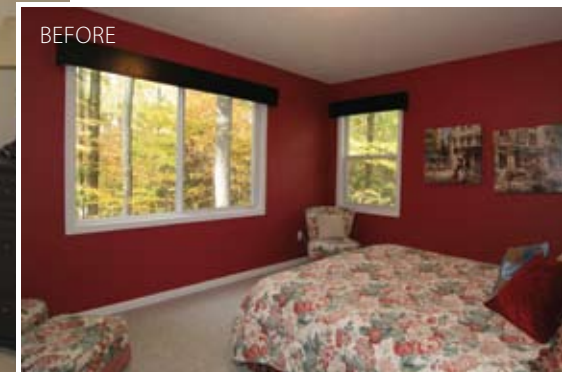
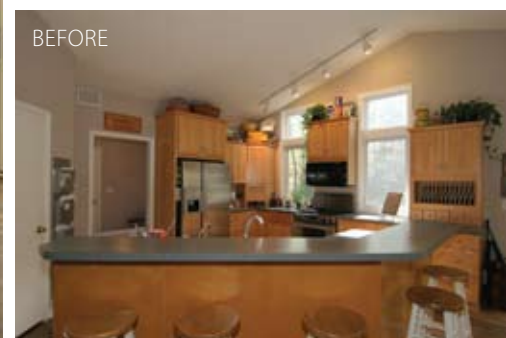
A Casual Atmosphere Welcomes Family and Friends



PREVIOUS: The remodel created the quaint and homey look the homeowners wanted to achieve.

ABOVE: The hearth room and the adjoining kitchen and dining areas provide a cozy and relaxing backdrop for gatherings.

BELOW: The large kitchen now boasts an expansive granite island, beautiful cabinetry and premium appliances, making this kitchen a chef's dream.



ABOVE: The master bedroom is now the perfect haven.

LEFT: The master bath illustrates style with custom cabinetry.

BELOW LEFT: Details of wood and stone punctuate and accentuate style objectives.

BELOW RIGHT: Attractive storage baskets, a sink and plenty of shelving make this room a useful and attractive space.





A LOVE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS INSPIRES HOME DESIGN

There is Enough Working And Playing Room

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In an era of hearth rooms, multiple kitchens, media rooms and the home office, all we have to do is infuse our signature and call it home. It is the love of family—including two teenagers—and friends that became inspiration for this north Holland home situated on 11 acres.

Front and center with this project was the homeowners' desire to have a large kitchen with an equally large living area. In their previous home, the owners had a kitchen with an adjoining hearth room where guests would congregate when they entertained. While this flow worked well, the space wasn't their dream by any stretch of the imagination. So, when it was time to design the new home, the homeowners knew exactly what they wanted.

The new kitchen offers all of the amenities, plus a full-size refrigerator, full-size freezer, two ovens, two sinks and warming drawer, along with ample workspace and storage. "There is enough working room for others to help and sitting space for others to hang-out," shares the lady of the house.

The hidden pantry is always a favorite with the children, who have been known to do their homework in this dual duty space.

In their previous home, the homeowners noticed that there were many "arguments" over who was able to sit in the two fireside chairs. This was corrected with the new home design and décor with a larger sitting area with multiple seats to enjoy the warmth of the fire—no

more squabbles to mar the tranquility of an evening spent in front of the fire.

In keeping with their theme of designing the home from past experiences, the bedrooms are all strategically located in quiet areas of the house. The main floor master bedroom is to one side and the other bedrooms are on the opposite side. The home office, which is located near the master bedroom, offers a picturesque view of the front yard.

The family's teenagers and their friends needed a place of their own. Decidedly, the lower level would be perfect no matter the time of the year. It gave them access to the pool, lower level kitchen, recreation room, screened porch and bunkroom, which sleeps six.

The lower level also offers a theatre room with seating for 14. In addition, it affords ample floor space to stretch out and watch a movie.

The homeowners' passion for casual entertaining was not only the driving force behind the design of the home, but the prompting for the multi-purpose sound system. "You can listen to music, talk radio or television from most rooms in the house," explain the homeowners.

After living in their home for well over a year, the homeowners agree there is nothing they would change. The homeowners agree, "Mike and the other contractors made the process of designing and building this home fantastic. Should we ever build another home, we would call on the same team of people." □

ABOVE: In addition to the structural changes, the new color palette and use of stone dramatically transforms the home.

MIDDLE: The screened porch is a favorite spot to relax and enjoy the scenic surroundings.

BELOW: The remodel compliments a perfect setting.

- Building Materials: **ZEELAND LUMBER & SUPPLY COMPANY**
- Cabinetry/Door Hardware: **MODERN HARDWARE**
- Carpet, Laminate, Countertops, Tile: **CARPET BONANZA INC.**
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- Window Coverings: **GREAT LAKES WINDOW COVERINGS & DESIGN**





ABOVE LEFT: Fireside seating is everyone's favorite.
 MIDDLE LEFT: The master bedroom encases the wooded view.
 BELOW LEFT: This spacious home office provides a beautiful and functional workspace.
 ABOVE RIGHT: A lower level bath combines creative design with a practicality.
 BELOW RIGHT: Snappy theatre room seating for 14, with plenty of floor space, for comfortable viewing and relaxing enjoyment.

The Lush and Expansive Setting Provides a Perfect Backdrop for Distinctive Living



PREVIOUS: With a clear definition of what they wanted to achieve, the owners create a perfect home for entertaining.
 ABOVE LEFT: The selection of materials makes beauty practical, durable and easy to maintain.

ABOVE RIGHT: Dining with a view.
 BELOW: Cabinetry and details create an exceptional focal point.



ABOVE: Expansive windows provide viewing pleasure.

BELOW: In season, the pool provides a way to relax and escape the demands of everyday life.

- Building Materials: **ZEELAND LUMBER & SUPPLY COMPANY**
- Cabinetry/Door Hardware: **MODERN HARDWARE**
- Concrete Sink/Countertop: **ARTISTIC CONCRETE EXPRESSIONS**
- Custom Cabinetry, Granite & Laminate Countertop: **INTEGRITY CABINETRY LLC**
- Drywall: **SMDI - SCOTT MOL DRYWALL INC.**
- Electrical Work: **DIRECT ELECTRIC**
- Fireplaces & Heating Systems: **COUNTRYSIDE HEATING & COOLING INC.**
- Flooring: Carpet, Laminate, Hardwood, Tile: **CARPET BONANZA INC.**
- Garage Doors: **CAMPAAN DOOR & OPERATOR INC.**
- Home Automation: **VANDEMBERG STEREO**
- Kitchen & Bath Fixtures: **B.J.W. BERGHORST & SONS**
- Landscaping: **BOSCH'S LANDSCAPE & LAWN SPECIALTIES**
- Lighting Fixtures: **THE LIGHTING CORNER INC.**
- Masonry: **DOUG TUCKER CONSTRUCTION**
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