



RANCH REDO

On a small budget, a dated 1930s ranch was transformed to create a spacious and bright modern residence. The first phase of the two-phase redesign called for the remodeling of the existing 1100-sq.-ft. home. The second phase called for converting the existing 400-sq.-ft. carport into a media room and office. New walls and windows to enclose the space were tied in to the original roof and back wall. Sealed concrete was used for the media-room steps and floor. The siding on the new exterior walls was selected to complement the original wood cladding on the main portion of the house.

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Still charming, now modern. Renovations to the living room were minimal. The house's original character was preserved, but the interior was modernized to suit the owner's lifestyle. The existing hardwood floors were refinished, and the fireplace surround was redressed with locally quarried limestone.



Goodbye walls, hello light. Two interior walls separating the kitchen from the dining and living rooms were removed. Replacing the existing kitchen cabinets with budget-friendly ones from Ikea allowed the homeowner to splurge on Carrara-marble countertops. White-painted walls, lots of natural and installed light, and a French door leading from the dining room to the yard add to the contemporary feel of the newly open space.



Room to relax. For storage and visual interest, a built-in was added to the stairway wall between the original and new areas of the house. The crisp white walls and ceiling, contemporary furniture, and flat-screen television tucked into a recess in the wall all contribute to the inviting atmosphere of the new space.

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