

# HOME REMODEL

## Northbrook

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This family loved their home's location, but wanted to update and expand their traditional-style Northbrook residence. The homeowners selected Orren Pickell Designers & Builders to create a full house renovation...expand the living area, update the kitchen to become more functional and stylish, and create an entirely new master suite, complete with tray ceiling, on the second floor. The reconfiguration of the upstairs included stylish upgrades to the other bedrooms and widening of the halls.

Our work included far more than construction, as we sought to improve space and flow and ultimately, the entire design of the home. Our team of builders and architects worked conscientiously to ensure the stability of the structure during the extensive renovation of the second floor, which included removal of the rear portion of the area.

The new master suite added to the home's value by increasing the number of bedrooms to four. Comfortable amenities in the suite include oversized closets with custom, built-in shelves, a master bath with a soaking tub, walk-in shower and double vanities. The windows of the master suite were designed to take advantage of the expansive view of the backyard.

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A huge island was installed in the kitchen along with increased refrigeration space, as well as new countertops and cabinets. The family's updated great room is now a comfortable over-sized space adjacent to the kitchen and breakfast nook. The entire back of the home was expanded, including a large mudroom and laundry room to increase the home's livability even further.

Other updates include a new front entry with a classic overhang, which seamlessly matches the brick color of the existing home. Adding a bay window the living room opened the front area of the house to provide more light. The basement was also addressed to include a recreation area for their high-school age children.

Pickell creatively reused the existing kitchen cabinets and appliances, including sinks and faucets, adding only granite countertops. This effort helped save on costs and added a level of 'building green' to the project.

The final product is a full upgrade of space and style, transforming smaller, outdated living areas into comfortable open spaces. A bright and spacious foyer offers a stylish welcome for guests when the homeowners entertain at their beautiful, renovated location.

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