

Looking for a home closer to their children's school, owners Pavlina and Scott Salzeider settled in Bloomfield Village, a family-friendly, one-square-mile community populated with historic homes brimming with character. When interior designer Katie Rodriguez of Katie Rodriguez Design stepped onto the scene, the place had been fully gutted and Krieger Klatt Architects had already begun work on the exterior of the residence as well as an addition. "They actually had the plans completed and things were already being ripped down when the clients contacted me," Rodriguez says. "It was a great situation to walk into with an excellent set of plans to work with. They know what they're doing."

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The Salzeiders only had a few stipulations for their designer: they wanted to honor the architecture of the residence, improve the layout and function, and they requested a green kitchen island. "The homeowners gave me a small number of guidelines and really let me go from there," she says. Rodriguez attributes part of the easygoing relationship with her clients to Scott being a commercial builder. "Because of his background, he has an understanding of the construction process, and doesn't shy away from things either." Experience on the commercial side of the business is something that the designer and her client share in common. Rodriguez started 20 years ago at a Chicago commercial design firm before returning home to Michigan to hang out her own interior design shingle.