

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Located in a sought-after neighborhood known for its family-friendly community and eclectic architecture, many residents prefer to rebuild rather than relocate. “I grew up here and we raised our kids in the same neighborhood,” one of the homeowners says. After being in the home for 21 years and their children moving out, it was time for a change. “We didn’t like how chopped-up our floor plan was but loved the location and neighborhood,” they explained. “We tried to renovate, but we wanted a more modern feel. We also have a large art collection and envisioned an open plan with gallery style walls to display our favorite pieces.”

To execute their vision, the couple enlisted architect Arik Green of *Arik Green Design*, along with designers Jill Schumacher and Kirsten Roby of Bloomfield Hills-based *Rariden Schumacher Mio & Co.* Working with *Lakes Development Group*, the team tore down the original house and created a modern two-story Prairie-style home defined by low-pitched roofs, strong horizontal lines, and a flowing, functional layout.