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OPENING UP & CHANGING SPACES

DESIGNER HELPS PEOPLE TO SEE
THE POSSIBILITIES



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LIVING IN A DATED HOUSE SOMETIMES just doesn't work for a modern family of three. It's not just what was 'in' then isn't now, but a home should reflect the personalities and meet the needs of the current owners. When it doesn't—but the owners just can't put a finger on why not—Adrienne Zvacek's Saskatoon design team at Studio 2.0 can help.

"At the beginning of this project, we had a few ideas of our own but we didn't know what exactly our options were," says Melissa. Melissa and Doug's 1962 Adelaide/Churchill area home needed more efficient space in the kitchen and living/dining room area. "Adrienne put some of our thoughts into sketches and added her own ideas as well and the result was perfect for us. We wouldn't change a thing!"

In any good relationship, success is built on clear communication. The same holds true for people who want to build or renovate and their designers and contractors, says Adrienne.

"We always start by sitting down with people to find out who they are. Do you cook together? How many kids? How is your space used? Do you need storage?" says Adrienne. "Some projects take more complex planning to prepare a full design plan, including Auto CAD design drawings, electrical, product and material selections, liaising with contractors and suppliers. We work with clients to keep those elements they love, but maximize the opportunities."

"We always felt Adrienne was 'on our page' and knew exactly what we were going for," says Melissa. "We didn't even know where to start with our kitchen renovation but she just



stepped right in and asked all the right questions. She made us think of things we otherwise wouldn't have."

Melissa and Doug wanted to update and use space more thoughtfully, but had concerns about jumping too quickly into uncharted waters.

"Storage and efficiency were major problems," says Adrienne. "The entryway was very tight and non-functional. The kitchen had loads of cabinets, but they weren't very practical. When you're on hands and knees to reach things, you could have 10-year old Jello back there and never know it!"

Many homeowners see some elements as immovable objects simply because they've put up with inefficiencies. "We can open up people's thinking. Why not move your cupboards to this wall? Why not take out that wall? Let's come up with a range of possibilities to suit your lives."

Melissa and Doug replaced a load-bearing wall by a supported beam disguised as a bulkhead. A new closet at the entry created both privacy and storage. The living room became slightly smaller



to make way for a larger kitchen. An island went in and a table, fine for everyday use, expands for parties. Melissa and Doug wanted to retain existing windows, so the kitchen sink was moved for an outside view. The stove was moved and above the fridge, storage was added. Adrienne guided material and product selections; stainless steel counter and island tops were added with high definition laminate for the desired style.

No matter what the scope, every project should be a logical, well-planned process with no time consuming or costly surprises, says Adrienne. Studio 2.0 can save people time and money because the whole picture is clearly planned and communicated from the very start.

"The best part of my job," says Adrienne. "is when the client is beyond thrilled with the process and the end result. When we are able to offer new possibilities and create something they love, it's not just a project. It's someone's home."

"I'm so glad we found her," says Melissa. "We would use her services again in a heartbeat." [E]

KITCHEN, LIVING & DINING RENO FEATURES, ELEMENTS

- Stainless steel countertops and island top
- Lacquered white cabinets with stainless steel door frames
- Cork flooring
- Load bearing wall replaced, hidden
- New entry closet
- Closet conversion to office working space with pocket door
- Built-in pantry
- Glass backsplash
- Customized lighting



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PICTURED TOP, TOP RIGHT & RIGHT
AFTER THE RENOVATION
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