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Artfully COMPOSED



This brownstone was transformed
into a masterpiece, offering
comfortable everyday living and
inviting entertaining spaces.

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What started as an unassuming townhouse was elevated to a sophisticated residence designed for entertaining and family gatherings. Showcasing an exquisite art collection while maintaining everyday livability was a fine line the design team walked. The homeowner purchased a luxurious metropolitan row house in a highly sought-after neighborhood near Minneapolis. One of the design challenges was to merge sentimental furnishings from a large family home into the new space.

“Every square inch of the home was scrutinized and reimagined with personality, purpose, and warmth befitting the client’s elegant and worldly style,” explained Maureen Grace Haggerty, owner of mint interior design, “bringing the client’s vision to life should be a positive experience for everyone involved.” She believes that a highly collaborative atmosphere always brings the best design results.

Well-planned design details were incorporated, existing hardwood floors were refinished, beautiful handwoven area rugs were added, and the Italian terracotta kitchen flooring was kept. The original stone island countertop was reclaimed and expanded with walnut wood to accommodate additional seating. Artisan paint and finish specialist Darril Otto was commissioned to apply an ancient Japanese charred finish technique to the wood island surface. Aged mercury glass backing was integrated into the cabinet shelving, adding glamour and depth. A pewter metallic finish was applied to the range hood creating a striking centerpiece in the kitchen.

New furnishings were carefully chosen and arranged to create comfortable living spaces. Traditional painted millwork and wainscoting in the living room complement the classic herringbone brick and limestone fireplace. A tranquil watercolor palette was selected to establish a subtle composition. Existing pieces were thoughtfully placed throughout the home to achieve graceful harmony. Complimentary soft and durable fabrics with contrasting design patterns were tailored onto fine furnishings and pillows.

The guest bedroom needed to accommodate the client’s beloved grandchildren playfully. Masks depicting each one’s spirit animal were added to the walls. The sleeping arrangement can comfortably accommodate four children with their beds. The client and her grandchildren love the magically whimsical setting.

mint brought in NKS Artsource as the project’s art consultant. Nicole Solheid mindfully selected new pieces of artwork and blended them with the owner’s existing pieces. The team worked closely with the client to curate the art throughout the spaces. “The process was like solving an intricate puzzle. The ideal aesthetic was achieved with teamwork and creativity,” says Maureen.

The integrity of the original architecture was preserved. Refreshed spaces accommodate the people and things the client cherishes most. The ambiance exudes a whispery softness with the ideal juxtaposition between comfortable daily living and warm spaces for entertaining. All the elements came together like a perfectly composed symphony. The spaces feel like home for this owner, hitting all the right notes.

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