



The center island anchors the new kitchen, which exudes historic charm and boasts high-tech appliances. The granite workspace (to the right, above the oven) provides a natural spot for casual seating.



THE Butler DID IT

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NOT SO LONG AGO, THE INTERIOR of this 1919 Minneapolis bungalow, designed by prominent Twin Cities architect Harry Wilde Jones, was still mostly intact, save for the kitchen—which had been “modernized” in the 1960s or ‘70s.

Because the home’s current owners wanted to recreate the kitchen’s historic character, they turned to Minneapolis designer and architect David Heide of David Heide Design Studio. Heide and his colleagues specialize in restoring and updating historic homes, so the kitchen they created blends historic character with modern convenience: Top-of-the-line appliances, like the twin Viking

ovens and Bosch countertop range coexist with custom cabinetry built to match the home's original kitchen cupboards.

The original house had a separate butler's pantry, but the walls were torn down in an earlier remodeling project. The current owners wanted space for an informal seating area, so Heide's firm did not replace the wall, instead creating a casual breakfast bar that overlooks the kitchen workspace.

The intimate space created is "a nod to the butler's pantry," Heide explains. "It keeps the kitchen open while honoring the original design." ■

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The backsplash wall behind the kitchen sink is composed of historically accurate 2-inch by 6-inch subway tile with custom Arts and Crafts inserts designed and created by Minneapolis-based North Prairie Tileworks.



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