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Welcome! We are excited to share our latest e-newsletter with you during these last weeks of summer. If you are craving more space, anticipating the new school year, or looking for a local remodeling resource -- read on!

DREAM ABOUT IT : KITCHEN REMODEL

Back to School With a High Function Kitchen

e the event's tagline or brief description here. Let your members know why they should attend.





If you have children at home, chances are you're beginning to think about the new school year and, perhaps, reclaiming your kitchen! One of the most common complaints we hear from families considering a kitchen remodel -- especially after a summer teenage bake-offs -- is that they lack storage; they crave functionality in a space that gets heavy use not only for cooking but for bill paying, homework, and entertainment.

When designing a new kitchen for a family of four in Golden Valley we solved these types of space issues with **extra deep cabinets** and **roll-out trays**, simple **counter seating** for after-school snacks and homework, and a **family desk** with built-in pin-up board for school calendars and lunch menus. (No more magnets and clutter on the fridge.) For the real cooks of the house (a.k.a. "Mom" and "Dad"), we carved out space for a professional line of Viking appliances. And by solving space needs within the kitchen's original footprint we were able to help our clients stay on budget.

Kitchen finishes were carefully selected to blend the home's 1960's architecture (recognize the "Brady Bunch" wall oven set into the brick?) with the homeowner's Craftsman era tastes: recycled **glass tiles**, Doug Fir flooring, Bronzo **Quartzite stone** counters, and **hand-made [Rejuvenation Schoolhouse lighting](#)** (Visit the link above to learn how these glass shades are custom blown, shaped, and painted!)

This new space was awarded the 2010 [NARI](#) Contractor of the Year Honorable Mention Award for "Best Kitchen \$75K-\$90K." Curious about how this kitchen looked like before the makeover? Visit our [photo gallery](#) to find out!



GET OUT AND SEE IT : LOCAL REMODELING RESOURCE

Visit Local Lighting Artisans - Lightworks in Minneapolis



Located in the Minneapolis warehouse district, we love recommending **Lightworks** to our clients. This husband-wife owned shop is known for its custom reproductions, hand rubbed finishes, and superb craftsmanship. Choose a



pendant, sconce or chandelier from their line of historic fixtures (you choose the finish, length, style, and shade). Roam their cozy shop for a one-of-a-kind reclaimed warehouse fixture. Or, best of all, if you are looking to match an existing period lighting fixtures in your home, bring photos or the fixture itself in to Lightworks where Owners Charles and Kathryn Dailey can fabricate a new one to match or compliment! Lightworks is located at 404

Washington Ave. N., Minneapolis, 55401.

LOOK FOR US : IN THE PRESS

Read About Our Backyard Retreat in Spaces Magazine!



Spaces Magazine dedicated its August/September 2011 issue to "eco-chic" projects; spaces that are meant to last for generations. We are proud to share that one of our clients' projects -- a "reimagined urban retreat" -- is included among the magazine's three featured projects. Grab a complimentary copy of Spaces Magazine at Bachmans, Kowalskis or Hoigaards. Or [read about the project online](#).

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