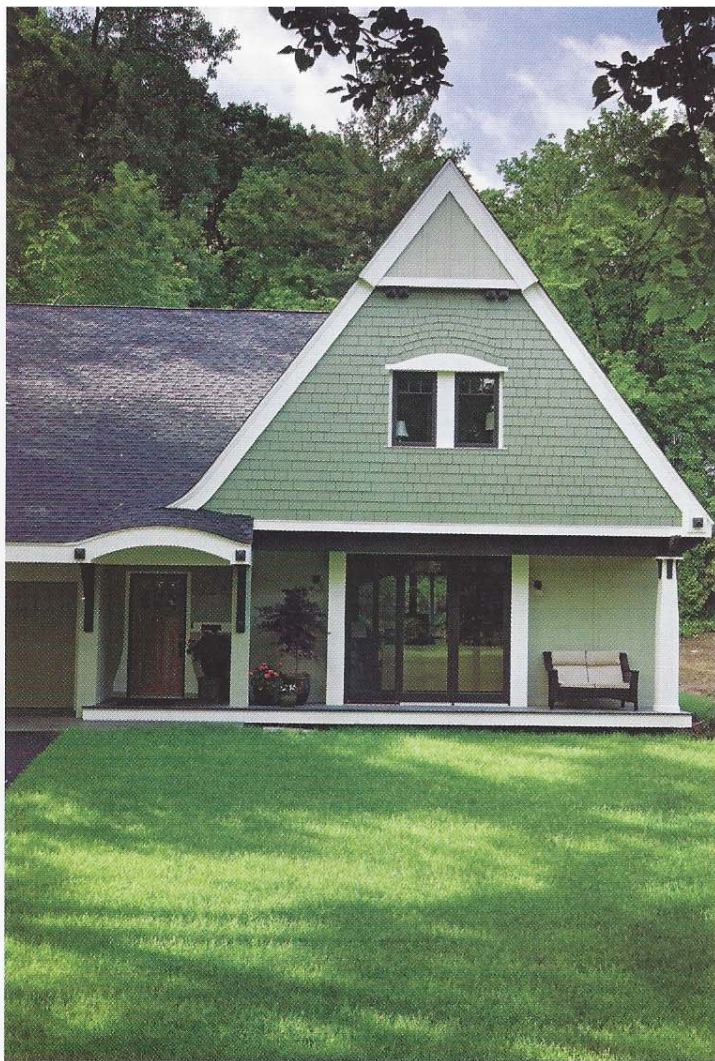


FIT TO scale

This Arts and Crafts home blends beautifully with its Golden Valley neighborhood

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Inspired by the philosophies of Sarah Susanka, author of *The Not-So-Big House* (Taunton, 2001), DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation, Inc. transformed a beautiful, wooded lot in Golden Valley into one family's dream home. "We wanted to maximize the footprint of the home, while focusing on making it fit to scale with the neighboring homes," says builder Rocky DiGiacomo, president of DiGiacomo Homes & Renovation. The Arts and Crafts home is 3,800 square feet—2,800 of which are finished—and is a Minnesota GreenStar Pilot project. "Our goal is to value quality over quantity and bring homes back down to a human scale," he says. With five bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms, a kitchen-centered layout, and plenty of family-focused areas, this home emphasizes well-planned, efficient, open living space. —C.J.

ABOVE With shake siding on the gables and ornate brackets on the front columns, this Arts and Crafts home fits in beautifully with the surrounding Golden Valley neighborhood of Tyrol Hills.

RIGHT Forest Stewardship Council-certified quartersawn white oak floors run throughout the main level. Eight-foot, triple-sliding panel doors were installed in the front and back of the house to provide cross-ventilation and bring light deep into the home.





THIS PAGE, ABOVE A sophisticated hotel suite provided inspiration for the owners' suite, a place where mom and dad can find a refuge. White trim and millwork and black-stained maple veneer on the floors give the space a more contemporary look than the cream and oak throughout the rest of the house.

LEFT To bring in light, the owners' bath is set in a deep well within the tresses. The clean, simple space features custom Calcutta marble on the double-sink console vanity and backsplash. Custom hardware sparkles throughout.

OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP The kitchen, the heart of the main level, features custom cabinetry, Energy Star appliances, and granite countertops that were flamed to create a leather-like texture.

BOTTOM Beyond the kitchen is a 24-by-12-foot screened porch that doubles as an additional living area.