

# TLC Times



## FROM COUNTRY TO CONTEMPORARY

*After a few life changes, this Apple Valley homeowner decided it was time to transform her home.*

With a small kitchen and country decor, this homeowner was ready for a contemporary, almost industrial feel. She wondered if she could align a remodeling project with her winter sojourn to Arizona. Lucky for her, her neighbor was Lisa Stoll - owner of Sparrow and Stoll. Because Lisa works with us at TLC, we were able to work together to make this homeowner's dream a reality.

"My front foyer was blocked, my kitchen was tight, I was dealing with original flooring and stairs leading downstairs that didn't meet code,"

says the homeowner. "I was ready for a change."

After planning as much as possible before leaving town, she headed to Arizona while Lisa and the TLC team got to work.

First, an expansive kitchen island was built according to the homeowner's specifications and finished in a dark, elegant stone. The countertop was given a new look with Corian Quartz, completed with a leathered finish, which brought a soft and pretty feel to the room. ▶



“People are scared to try finishes they haven’t seen before and leathered finishes are pretty rare,” Lisa noted. “But if you take a chance on them, they can bring warmth and softness to a room.”

While the perimeter of the cabinets didn’t change, they did receive new champagne bronze hardware. Finally, dark brown lighting elements, ordered specifically by the homeowner, brought the final contemporary touch.

## THE BEAUTY OF BASEMENT STAIRS

The other major part of this home transformation was the space leading to the basement. The wall was opened up, giving anyone in the kitchen a bright view of the front door and the basement stairs. The basement door was removed. Instead of spindles, glass panels were used to create lightness.

“It was very striking, even from the top of the stairs,” remarked Lisa. “It really changed the whole feel of going down there.”

## THE FINAL REVEAL

When she finally arrived home from her winter trip, her first experience of the remodel was truly out of a TV show.

“I love the fact that the kitchen seems so open and you can see it from the foyer. And the white oak flooring is awesome,” says the homeowner. “TLC did exactly what they said they would do, on time and on budget and top notch quality. The cherry on top is that they are really nice guys to work with.” ■





## BREATHING LIFE INTO THE BACKYARD PATIO

*The right backyard can be the perfect spot to spend time and make memories.*

While these Mendota Heights homeowners had a gorgeous view of the lake, the directness of the sun reflecting off the home, coupled with an array of rocks and dirt, didn't make it a desirable place to spend much time.

"The homeowners were looking for a relaxing, comfortable outside area to enjoy the view of their backyard," says TLC project manager Chris Cummings. "An area that is completely outside yet allows both sunny and shaded seating."

The dream was to add in a brand new paver patio, complete with a patio roof. Classic cedar posts came together with a metal roof, creating a minimalistic way to maximize impact.

"The design was pretty much figured out, but I decided to let the homeowners decide on the trim around the posts," added Chris. "Towards the end of the project, I cut some pieces to mock up different options for the homeowners to look at and decide which looked the best."

With very careful planning - and even more careful cutting - the exposed framing and roof created a beautiful, shaded spot to be enjoyed for years to come. An unshaded section allows for grilling and enjoying meals together, provided the weather isn't too warm.

At the end of the day, this previously unused backyard space is now one of the most beloved spots of the home. ■



### A NOTE FROM NICK

To put it bluntly—this has been a *different* year in the remodeling industry. With COVID-delays and increased demand, our team had to reinvent the wheel quite a bit, coming together to hurdle every obstacle thrown at us. We are thankful to have such an adaptable, committed group at TLC.

As 2022 approaches, we encourage you to start thinking about springtime projects. If you're considering a larger project, such as a basement or bathroom remodel, now is the time to envision what you want.

With the 2-3 months of planning that goes into a project like that, you'll be ready to hit the ground running once the new year arrives.

When you're ready, give us a call. Our team is ready to transform your home into a place you love.

— Nick



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