



R33 Tour the completed kitchen during the Remodelers Showcase

Melissa and Adam

Puustelli USA
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“There’s No Place Like Minnesota.”

Coming from a woman who lived in paradise for six years, helping to run the family’s enterprising chocolate company in all but two islands of Hawaii, this statement is a true testament to Minnesota’s vibrant communities.

When Melissa moved back to Minnesota, she purchased a home in Edina to be closer to her parents and better healthcare options in the state. Built in 1969, the house was a classic to that time period and featured lots of small rooms and compartmentalized spaces. Not long after moving in, Melissa’s brother Adam came to stay with her to share in the care of their ailing parents.

The quaint home the siblings shared was located in a charming neighborhood and, according to Melissa, boasts “the best neighbors in the world.” This caring

community was a welcomed treasure as Melissa and Adam looked after their mother until she passed away from ovarian cancer in 2011. After this loss, the siblings realized that their father would be better cared for and comfortable if he moved in with them as well. A structure that originally housed just Melissa and her dogs had more than doubled its occupancy.

While the neighborhood suited the family well, the home simply could not adequately accommodate their new living situation. The windows along the backside of the home allowed light to shine brightly on one side of the home, while the segmented rooms in front created an imbalance of light within the choppy floor plan. The siblings wanted to modernize the home’s kitchen and reconfigure the flow and function of the home to create bright spaces throughout.

The “genuine and heartfelt” approach from the team at Puustelli USA was what convinced Melissa and Adam that this was the company they wanted to work with. The



Melissa with one of her dogs, Patch.
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Puustelli team created open, yet distinct spaces and reconfigured the home to add a bathroom, mudroom and new kitchen.

“Bjorn Freudenthal (VP of Sales with Puustelli USA) listened to us and created great solutions so that we could achieve an open space without adding significant square footage to the home,” an important consideration for Melissa.

For Adam, Puustelli was professional and exceptionally talented. “We never felt pushed in the process and we love the Scandinavian style and quality of product.”

Puustelli USA specializes in Scandinavian design that features clean lines and the mantra “more is less.” The company is known for its smart organization and clean manufacturing, not to mention signature Scandinavian beauty. Lead Designer Lisa Kroskin channeled this style and transformed the kitchen into a work of art that’s sleek, beautiful and utilitarian, which was “exactly what we wanted,” explained Melissa.

The siblings, who have chosen to stay close together, along with their dad, can now enjoy a spacious, modern kitchen and a home that boasts an improved layout with an abundance of natural light.

They are able to enjoy time together for a long time to come in a beautiful house that proves *there’s no place like home.*

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