

To what degree were the expressed needs of the client met?

- Tired of the great room: kitchen, dining, and entertainment rooms leaping into one another the clients wanted to delineate the reading and entertainment portion to make a different statement and quieter purpose.
- The original footprint had the fireplace flanked on both sides by windows. The windows to the east faced an adjacent property, no view, and was eliminated to create a reading corner and additional cabinetry to enhance the fireplace stone.
- The ceiling was divided into nine grids with box beams and crown mouldings that give this room the feel of a retreat away from the activity of the kitchen and dining areas.

Before





After

To accomplish the reading-entertainment room focus:

- The fireplace wall becomes stone and drama.
- Custom cabinetry adds sophistication while housing the flat panel TV at viewer level, not above the fireplace.
- Lighting is specific for architectural elements and enhances reading with spots while mood can be controlled with dimmers on all lighting.
- Mouldings anchor the new area and trail into the kitchen and dining areas.

To what degree does the project enhance the existing structure functionality?

- The entertainment wall now balances the fireplace making it the natural center of the room.
- Separation of this room makes the kitchen and dining areas function as their own units for food preparation and consumption.
- The lighting, separate from the kitchen, keeps the space unique and dramatized. Lighting controls allow the spaces to be joined or isolated.
- The removal of the corner windows now makes the house more private and intimate.

To what degree does the project enhance the existing structure aesthetically?

- The custom millwork; the box beams, crown mouldings and additional stair railings make a pointed statement about the formality of each room.
- The colors of the kitchen and reading-entertainment rooms let the spaces flow together while the ceiling beams and trim, in a darker stain, give weight to their differences. The new lights tend to disappear during the day but allow many options for illuminating all the different areas of the expanded kitchen.

After





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Is there evidence of superior craftsmanship?

- Custom cabinets at the fireplace surround.
- Ceiling boxed beams and crown mouldings.
- Custom lighting for cabinets, ceiling grids, reading.
- Stone details at the fireplace.



During



Before

