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Project Descriptions

MIDRANGE MINOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Update a functional but dated 200-sq.-ft. kitchen. Leave cabinet boxes of 30 linear ft. in place but replace fronts with new Shaker-style wood panels and drawer fronts, including new hardware. Replace combination cooktop/oven range and slide-in refrigerator with new energy-efficient models and install midpriced sink and faucet. Replace 30 linear ft. of laminate countertop and repaint trim. Add wall covering. Remove and replace resilient flooring.

MIDRANGE MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Update an outmoded 200-sq.-ft. kitchen with a functional layout of 30 linear ft. of semi-custom wood cabinets. Install a 3'x5' island, laminate countertops, and standard double-tub stainless-steel sink with standard single-lever faucet. Include energy-efficient range, ventilation system, built-in microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, and custom lighting. Add new resilient flooring and finish with painted walls, trim, and ceiling.

UPSCALE MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Update 200-sq.-ft. kitchen with 30 linear ft. of custom white cabinets with built-in sliding shelves. Install stone countertops with ceramic- or glass-tile backsplash and undermount sink with designer faucets and water filtration system. Include built-in refrigerator, commercial-grade cooktop and vent hood, wall oven, and built-in microwave unit. Include low-voltage undercabinet lights. Install tile or flooring that looks like wood.

MIDRANGE BATHROOM REMODEL

Update an existing 5'x7' bathroom with ceramic tile floor. Replace existing tub with 30"x60" porcelain-on-steel tub with ceramic tile surround and new single-lever shower control. Replace fixtures with new standard white toilet, solid-surface vanity counter with integral sink, and recessed medicine cabinet with light.

UPSCALE BATHROOM REMODEL

Expand an existing 35-sq.-ft. bathroom to 100 sq. ft. with large ceramic tile floor and in-floor heating. Install 42"x42" neo-angle shower with ceramic tile walls, body-spray fixtures, and frameless glass enclosure. Add heated towel bars. Install a freestanding soaker tub with high-end faucets and a compartmentalized commode area with one-piece toilet. Install a custom vanity and stone countertop with two sinks.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN BATHROOM REMODEL

Update existing 5'x7' space to be wheelchair-accessible (zero threshold, 36-in.-wide door) and install flat-panel electrical switches at sitting level (36 to 42 in. above floor). Replace toilet with comfort height fixture featuring elongated bowl and bidet-type seat. Remove existing bathtub and install curbless, tiled, walk-in shower with adjustable showerhead, fold-out seat, thermostatic mixing valve, and bi-directional glass door. Replace flooring with electric radiant heat beneath new luxury vinyl tile flooring. Install adaptive-living vanity with easy-grasp handles and adjustable mirror. Install LED lights, infrared ceiling light, night light, and ultra-quiet vent fan with humidity-sensing controls. Install ceramic tiles on walls with two contrasting color stripes. Install nine towel bars that can support 250 pounds and reconfigure storage to be accessible from a seated position.

MIDRANGE BATHROOM ADDITION

Add a full 6'x8' bathroom over a crawlspace with poured concrete walls, ceramic tile floor, and painted trim. Install cultured-marble vanity top with molded sink, standard chrome faucets, and mirrored medicine cabinet. Install 30"x60" white fiberglass tub/shower with ceramic tile surround and single-lever faucet. Install white low-profile toilet and linen closet. Install general and spot lighting.

UPSCALE BATHROOM ADDITION

Add a 100-sq.-ft. primary bathroom with large ceramic tile floor and in-floor

heating. Install 42"x42" neo-angle shower with ceramic tile walls with accent strip, recessed shower caddy, body-spray fixtures, and frameless glass enclosure. Install a freestanding soaker tub with high-end faucets and a compartmentalized commode area with one-piece toilet. Install a custom vanity and stone countertop with two sinks.

MIDRANGE PRIMARY SUITE ADDITION

Add a 24'x16' primary bedroom suite over a crawlspace with carpet on bedroom floor and ceramic tile on bathroom floor. Include walk-in closet/dressing area in bedroom. In bathroom, include a freestanding soaker tub, separate 3'x4' walk-in ceramic tile shower, exhaust fan, and double-bowl vanity with solid-surface countertop. Both bedroom and bathroom include painted walls, ceiling, and trim with general and spot lighting.

UPSCALE PRIMARY SUITE ADDITION

Add 32'x20' primary bedroom suite over a crawlspace with in-floor heating, soundproofing between addition and living area, custom wall finishes and hardware, and French doors. Includes a large sleeping area with lounge and a gas fireplace with stone hearth and custom mantel, custom bookcases, built-in storage with millwork details, and large walk-in closet. Upscale bathroom with dual shower, freestanding soaker tub, and frameless glass enclosure. Add hospitality center.

CONVERT FROM FOSSIL-FUEL FURNACE TO ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP

Remove and dispose of existing natural gas, propane, or oil furnace. Install electric heat pump to heat and cool 2,000-sq.-ft. home. Remove existing metal ductwork and grills, patch drywall, and touch up paint. Add required electrical wiring to service panel. Install five line-sets and five indoor wall units (two 9,000-Btu units and one 6,000-Btu unit in bedrooms; two 12,000-Btu units in main living areas).



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STEEL ENTRY DOOR REPLACEMENT

Remove existing 3-0/6-8 entry door and jambs and replace with new 20-gauge steel unit, including clear dual-pane half-glass panel, jambs, and aluminum threshold with composite stop. Door is factory finished with same color both sides. Exterior brick-mold and 2.5-in. interior colonial or ranch casings in poplar or equal prefinished to match door color. Replace existing lockset with new bored lock.

FIBERGLASS GRAND ENTRANCE

Remove existing 3-0/6-8 entry door and cut and reframe opening for a 12"-36"-12" entrance door with dual sidelights. Move double-gang electrical box with two switches. Fiberglass door blank matches upscale entry, including color, threshold, lockset, and decorative half-glass with sidelights to match door. PVC-wrapped exterior trim in color to match existing trim and wider interior colonial or ranch casings finished to match door.

GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT

Remove and dispose of existing 16'x7' garage door and tracks. Install new four-section garage door with lifetime warranty on new heavy-duty galvanized steel tracks and reuse existing motorized opener. New door is high-tensile-strength steel with two coats of factory-applied paint, and foam insulated to minimum R-12, with thermal seals between pinch-resistant panels. Windows in top panel are ½-in. insulated glass.

COMPOSITE DECK ADDITION

Add a 16'x20' deck using pressure-treated joists supported by 4x4 posts anchored to concrete piers. Install composite deck material in a simple linear pattern with a built-in bench and planter of the same decking material. Include stairs, assuming three steps to grade, and provide a complete railing using a matching system made of the same composite as the decking material.

WOOD DECK ADDITION

Add a 16'x20' deck using pressure-treated joists supported by 4x4 posts anchored to

concrete piers. Install pressure-treated deck boards in a simple linear pattern with a built-in bench and planter of the same decking material. Include stairs, assuming three steps to grade, and provide a complete railing system using pressure-treated wood posts, railings, and balusters.

BACKYARD PATIO

Install a 20'x20' flagstone patio and cedar pergola with lights behind the home. Install a lift-and-slide glass door on the back of the house. Place a gas-powered fire pit in the center of the patio surrounded by four midpriced deck chairs. Install a stone-veneer modular kitchen unit with gas grill, mini-refrigerator, sink, and storage. Include all needed gas and electrical connections.

ASPHALT ROOF REPLACEMENT

Remove existing roofing to bare wood sheathing and dispose of properly. Install 30 squares (3,000 sq. ft.) of laminated roof shingles with new underlayment, galvanized drip edge, and mill-finish aluminum flashing. Assume a 5-square hip roof, custom flashing at two average-size skylights, and custom cap treatment at vented ridge.

METAL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Remove roofing to bare wood sheathing. Install ice and water shield on roof perimeter and in valley areas and a premium-grade synthetic underlayment. Install 3,000 sq. ft. of standing-seam metal roofing. Install matching pre-formed accessories including starter strip/drip edge, gable trim, cleated valley, hip flashing, and vented ridge flashing. Assume a 5-square hip roof, custom flashing at two average-size skylights, and custom cap treatment at vented ridge.

WOOD WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Replace 10 existing 3'x5' double-hung windows with insulated, Energy Star, simulated divided-light wood windows. Interior finish of stained hardwood. Exterior of colored aluminum cladding to match siding. Replace shutters and exterior casing without disturbing existing siding.

VINYL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Replace 10 existing 3'x5' double-hung windows with insulated, Energy Star, simulated divided-lite vinyl windows. Replace shutters and exterior casing without disturbing existing siding.

VINYL SIDING REPLACEMENT

Replace 1,250 sq. ft. of existing siding with new siding, including all trim.

FIBER CEMENT SIDING REPLACEMENT

Replace 1,250 sq. ft. of existing siding with new fiber-cement siding, factory primed and factory painted. Include all 4/4 and 5/4 trim using either fiber cement boards or cellular PVC.

MANUFACTURED STONE VENEER

Remove a 300-sq.-ft. continuous band of existing vinyl siding from the bottom third of the street-facing façade. Replace with adhered veneer, including 36 linear feet of sills, 40 linear feet of corners, and one address block. Include two layers of water-resistive barrier over bare sheathing, corrosion-resistant lath and fasteners, and ½-in. mortar scratch coat and setting bed. Outline the archway using an 8"x10" keystone.

BACKUP POWER GENERATOR

Install modular electrical backup system with capacity for providing 70 amps of emergency power in two 240-volt circuits and six 120-volt circuits. Assume existing propane gas supply. Include generator mounted on 2'x4' concrete or composite pad, automatic transfer switch, load center, exterior disconnect, and grounding rod. Include 30 ft. of conduit and electrical cable for generator connections, grounded cable for circuits, 5 ft. of flexible fuel line for connection to existing rigid gas supply line, and automotive-type storage battery.

SOLAR POWER INSTALLATION

Install a grid-tied, 8kW solar array using 20 400-watt monocrystalline-cell photovoltaic panels covering 300 sq. ft. of roof area. Panels are rack-mounted and rated at 20%

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efficiency and produce 12,000 kWh annual production (assumes a 1.5 production ratio), sufficient to power a 2,500-sq.-ft. home. System includes four 9kW storage battery system, storage-ready inverter, charge controller, bi-directional utility meter, and dedicated PV service panel/load center. Array, inverter, and main panel connected with #8 cable running through 25 ft. (total) of 1-in. conduit.

BASEMENT REMODEL

Finish the lower level of a house to create a 20'x30' entertaining area with 10-ft. wet bar; construct 24 ft. of finished

partition to enclose mechanical area. Walls and ceilings are painted drywall throughout, exterior walls are insulated, painted trim throughout. Include three six-panel factory-painted hardboard doors with passage locksets and 15 recessed light fixtures. Bar includes raised-panel oak cabinets with laminate countertops, stainless steel bar sink, single-lever bar faucet, and undercounter refrigerator.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)

Build a 26'x30' (660-sq.-ft.), one-story accessory dwelling unit. 2x4 construction on structural slab with a mix of horizontal

and vertical engineered wood or fiber-cement siding and standing-seam metal roofing. ADU includes one 13'x19' bedroom suite with walk-in closet, 5'x7' bath with walk-in shower, 8'x9' kitchen that opens onto an adjacent 7'x9' dining area across eating bar, and 16'x11'9" living room with vaulted (13') ceiling with clerestory windows opening onto covered porch. ADU is conditioned by a mini-split heat pump; includes stacked washer/dryer and water heater. Construction includes installation of one-car paved parking area in rear.

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PROJECT TYPE	CHICAGO			EAST NORTH CENTRAL			2024 NATIONAL AVERAGES		
	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped
Minor Kitchen Remodel Midrange	27,187	25,669	94.4%	27,005	27,318	101.2%	28,458	32,141	112.9%
Major Kitchen Remodel Midrange	84,237	37,256	44.2%	83,113	40,038	48.2%	82,793	42,130	50.9%
Major Kitchen Remodel Upscale	161,499	49,399	30.6%	160,333	55,119	34.4%	164,104	58,561	35.7%
Bath Remodel Midrange	24,072	15,985	66.4%	24,910	17,662	70.9%	26,138	20,915	80.0%
Bath Remodel Upscale	76,524	26,201	34.2%	78,684	28,654	36.4%	81,612	34,000	41.7%
Bath Remodel Universal Design	38,963	23,809	61.1%	40,855	23,782	58.2%	42,183	25,812	61.2%
Bathroom Addition Midrange	56,165	27,006	48.1%	57,427	30,613	53.3%	60,645	32,347	53.3%
Bathroom Addition Upscale	103,464	31,791	30.7%	105,577	35,261	33.4%	111,255	40,526	36.4%
Primary Suite Addition Midrange	160,629	46,299	28.8%	160,572	54,514	33.9%	170,517	55,097	32.3%
Primary Suite Addition Upscale	327,926	56,539	17.2%	329,084	65,028	19.8%	351,613	63,136	18.0%
HVAC Conversion Electrification	18,657	12,257	65.7%	18,669	13,238	70.9%	19,484	14,053	72.1%
Entry Door Replacement Steel	2,342	5,298	226.2%	2,339	5,494	235.0%	2,435	5,270	216.4%
Grand Entrance Fiberglass	11,770	10,707	91.0%	11,591	9,847	85.0%	11,754	9,959	84.7%
Garage Door Replacement	4,308	13,048	302.9%	4,357	12,298	282.2%	4,672	12,507	267.7%
Deck Addition Composite	24,337	22,242	91.4%	23,918	21,143	88.4%	25,096	22,199	88.5%
Deck Addition Wood	18,519	18,229	98.4%	18,090	16,733	92.5%	18,263	17,323	94.9%
Backyard Patio	48,625	23,607	48.5%	49,196	22,542	45.8%	51,454	23,672	46.0%
Roofing Replacement Asphalt Shingles	28,454	19,022	66.9%	29,253	20,252	69.2%	31,871	21,501	67.5%
Roofing Replacement Metal	46,332	20,247	43.7%	47,473	21,812	45.9%	51,865	25,972	50.1%
Window Replacement Wood	25,674	17,243	67.2%	25,750	18,063	70.1%	26,781	18,764	70.1%
Window Replacement Vinyl	21,941	17,992	82.0%	22,054	17,937	81.3%	22,073	16,657	75.5%
Siding Replacement Vinyl	19,868	15,607	78.6%	19,139	15,393	80.4%	17,950	17,313	96.5%
Siding Replacement Fiber-Cement	24,642	25,838	104.9%	23,515	23,805	101.2%	21,485	24,420	113.7%
Manufactured Stone Veneer	10,939	22,735	207.8%	11,193	21,337	190.6%	11,702	24,328	207.9%
Backup Power Generator	13,120	11,852	90.3%	12,877	11,651	90.5%	13,534	12,902	95.3%
Solar Power Installation	53,517	16,248	30.4%	52,869	16,371	31.0%	55,937	16,625	29.7%
Basement Remodel	49,576	39,680	80.0%	49,713	39,141	78.7%	52,012	36,905	71.0%
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	158,226	60,763	38.4%	157,758	64,636	41.0%	166,406	68,656	41.3%