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One of the homeowners is an interior designer with a knack for reclaiming old treasures. He and his partner peeled away paneling, wallboard, and dingy carpet from what they'd first considered only an investment property to be rented. They refinished the hardwood floors and opened the floor plan by knocking out a wall separating the dining and living room spaces. There were happy surprises, such as the discovery of a claw foot tub that had been encased in fiberglass tile.

In the kitchen, new cabinets were made to match those in an adjacent den, and a center island was topped with black marble salvaged from an old coffee table. At an architectural salvage business, the homeowners found a pair of columns and leaded-glass cabinets that matched the home's Arts and Crafts

style. The colonnade delineates living room and dining room, without cutting off views or light.

The den features salvaged stained glass windows and antique glass-paneled cabinets flanking a new fireplace. The hearth also incorporates an ironwork screen that once fronted a window in Argentina. Many of the interior rooms feature a muted color palette for the walls and fabrics, which allows favorite pieces of art and architecture to stand out.

On the home's exterior, a small entry portico was replaced with a 27-foot-long and 8-foot-deep porch supported by four broad-shouldered square columns. Cobblestone-look pavers were used for an entry patio at the base of the porch, creating a versatile outdoor living space.

Inspired by their do-it-yourself success, the homeowners decided to live in the house and become active participants in a neighborhood renaissance. They even launched their own bungalow renovation business, and greet both neighbors and potential clients from the shade of their new front porch.

**ABOVE:** Where previously there was only a small portico sheltering the front door, an 8-foot-deep porch now serves as a perfect place to catch up with a newspaper, or neighbors passing by. **OPPOSITE:** Adding a screen porch at the rear of the house gives the homeowners a place to relax when fair weather is on the bill. To enhance the open feeling, the ceiling was allowed to rise with the roofline.





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