



Twenty years ago, Tom Murphy, left, bought a 1925 Craftsman bungalow in Decatur's Oakhurst area, and he lived in it for 10 years before doing any renovations. When he and partner David Gittelman, right, merged households a year ago, both decided it was time for an update.

"We wanted a second level, but still wanted to keep the Craftsman lines," Murphy said. "We didn't want anything ostentatious: no garden tubs, no giant closets."

A team from Home Forge Remodeling LLC lifted the roof, added three bedrooms and two baths, including a master with a walk-in shower. The company also expanded the kitchen with a coffered keeping room and a screened-in porch. Most importantly, for the owners, the work has not changed the classic lines of the house.

"When you look at it from the front, it has the same silhouette it had before the renovation," Murphy said. "Yet, inside, it's quite different."

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