

23 Monkland Ave

Homeowners Rhonda and Leo

This charming early 20th century brick “cottage” was built between 1913 and 1925. It has served as a residence of various Rectors of St. Johns Anglican church up until the 1990’s.

Rhonda and Leo looked for a house for years and placed an ad in The Glebe Report: “couple looking for a house”. The ad ran for three years until the previous owners saw it and reached out. They purchased the house in 2012 over a cup of coffee. Since then, the home has been an outlet for the homeowner’s love of design and creativity. It is a mix of high and low and DIY’s throughout the home with a respect for updating the house using/re-using as much recycled materials while maintaining original features and personality.

Requires 6 Volunteers:

Route: front door to living room, to dining room, to breakfast nook, to kitchen, peek at powder room and out through side door to driveway

ENTRANCE: Original woodwork and stained glass window. Bench (Wayfair), Umbrella stand (Kijiji) used for cross country skis. Picture of girl in hall by Wendy Ryan Folkart.

LIVING ROOM: Tall wood drawers (Kulu Trading), Sofa (Chameleon from Mobilia), rug (Homesense), flower chair (gifted and upholstered by homeowner), mustard pouf (travel find from Syria in 1990s), silver tables (Homesense)

NOOK: Black console, stained wood couch and basket (built and weaved by homeowners father, Joe), cabinet (IKEA), vintage suitcases (salvaged / garbage find), roman blinds (fabric bought on trip to Portugal). Designed and-sewed by homeowner, windows (original lead windows) ART: on mantle and small tulip paintings (homeowners mother, Carolyn), painting of sleeping girl (Alanna Peters)

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DINING ROOM: Wallpaper: Suzani “Modern Medallion” by Eijffinger, Dining table (Kijiji), chairs (Home Depot), ceiling light (Great Glebe Garage Sale), grey loveseat (Mobilia), vintage trunk (family heirloom), curtains (IKEA. Dyed by homeowner), green modern canvas on triangle table (homeowners mother, Carolyn), ART: Large two Panel Mural by “Higher Ups”, folk art print (Toller Cranston, Great Glebe Garage Sale)

KITCHEN BREAKFAST NOOK: (Renovated last year by homeowners) Windows (Pella), grey loveseat (Homesense), grey chair (Maison Corbeil), rug (Wayfair), small black table and face cushion (Bouclair), wood console table (IKEA), pendant light (The Electrical and Plumbing Store), ART: Toast print (Regatta Brown), Graffiti art print (Phil Carriere, bought at Art in the Park), Girl with knives print (Diane Bond)

KITCHEN: New wall of cabinets (IKEA), and refurbished base cabinets from previous home owners, were fitted with custom doors (Swedish Door Company). Contractor (Cutting Edge Construction) handled plumbing, electrical, bulkhead build, tiling and supply/install of two new upper cabinets above the sink. Kitchen Island (Vintage box bought in Almonte. Vintage table (Kijiji). Designed and repurposed by homeowners. Put the two pieces together and added granite top to create a custom piece.) Quartz Counters on cabinets and granite on island (from TNT Granite and Marble Inc.), hardware (Lee Valley and Wayfair), Tiles (Euro Tile & Stone Outlet), (bought last two boxes of graphic tiles and mixed with plain tiles for custom look) ART: Framed sconces (Wayfair) frames around lights salvaged from trash and painted black, cat prints (homeowners cat)

POWDER ROOM: Homeowners were inspired by a bathroom in House and Home Magazine and set about recreating their own version (homeowners), sink (Home Depot), mirror (IKEA) ART: typewriter print (613 Flea)