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Nick, who also used a board he found in the rafters to make a bench, built another glass-jar light fixture for the breezeway, on the far end of the kitchen, which was incorporated into the house during the project. This had the benefit of revamping the stairs to the basement, providing enough head room.

Along with the higher ceilings, the Utsches wanted new, larger windows in the living room and dining room (and replaced other old windows throughout the house for better efficiency). They wanted bigger windows to improve their view and to provide natural light. "The sun hits that natural grass (across Co. Rd. 123) at night, and it looks like it's on fire," said Maggie of the view from their new dining room "It's so beautiful."

They also knew they wanted hardwood floors and chose a distressed oak floor - using chains and saws to make the new floor look old. "That was a lot of work," said Nick. "I was so sore after that."

One of their hardest decisions was the color of stain for the oak floor: "I had in mind what I wanted it to look like," said Nick. Unable to find the right stain, he started mixing red and black stains until he got just the right combination.

In the kitchen, Maggie wanted a farmhouse sink, so they ordered a copper hand-hammered one that provides plenty of room when canning.

They had a granite counter in their kitchen in town and liked the look, its practicality, and its durability. When looking for granite, they saw a slab they liked in the first five minutes (of a 90-minute search). "We're going to be coming back to that one," predicted Nick, and they did, especially liking the quartz in the slab for its three-dimensional appearance.

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During their project last summer, the Utsches incorporated this breezeway between the garage and their kitchen, adding a steel roof and a canning-jar light fixture built by Nick.



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Nick and Maggie Utsch actually completed two remodeling projects last year. First they redid their master bedroom last spring, using salvage lumber for the floor and to add a tray ceiling.



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After purchasing the house in 2006, the Utsches completed some smaller projects, such as combing two smaller bedrooms into one larger room for their boys.

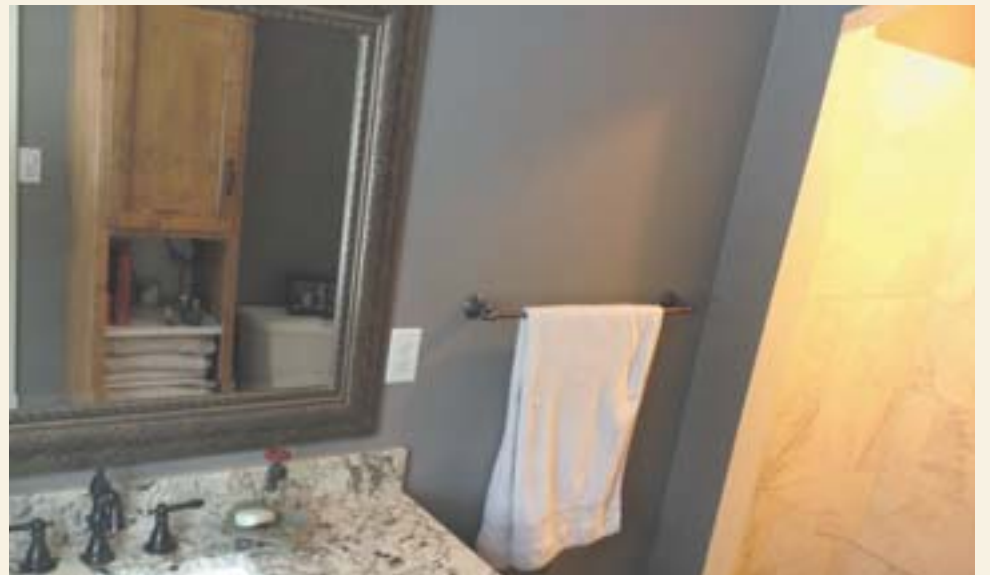


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In their master bathroom, also redone last spring, Nick sacrificed part of his closet to add a walk-in tile shower.

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