

# Real Estate & Home Improvement

An American Jewish World  
featured section

## Small changes, big impact

A kitchen remodel project under \$30,000 earned a top award for Minnetonka-based Orfield Design and Construction, Inc.

By ERIN ELLIOTT BRYAN  
Community News Editor

When an Edina homeowner's double oven stopped working and her aging refrigerator needed to be replaced, she discovered that modern appliances were no longer available in sizes that fit her existing openings. She knew she would need to look at custom cabinetry and new drywall to make those necessary upgrades.

"They decided that while we were doing that portion, we might as well do a few other updates to keep it one," Laura Orfield-Skrivervh told the AJW in a recent phone interview.

Orfield-Skrivervh is the owner of Orfield Design and Construction, Inc. in Minnetonka. She is an accredited kitchen and bath designer by the National Kitchen and Bath Association, an interior designer, drafter and project manager, and is Environmental Protection Agency renovation repair and painting certified.

"I wanted to make sure that people realize it is unusual to get a kitchen in Edina, near 54th and Kellogg, had been beautifully maintained, keeping its historical charm and unique features. A previous kitchen remodel sometime in the 1980s had updated the appliances and created a modern layout."

Orfield-Skrivervh proposed that the homeowners not change a lot of the fundamental of the space, which kept the project



BEFORE



AFTER

There was a good correlation between the kitchen, breakfast and sitting rooms, but it needed to be refreshed. Orfield-Skrivervh convinced the owners that with small changes it could be less sterile and more inviting.

Photos courtesy of Orfield Design and Construction, Inc.

under \$30,000. Instead, they opted for some custom cabinetry, replacing the tile and cabinet hardware, and some new stainless steel appliances to create a big impact.

"We did not change the existing down draft cooking, we did not change the countertops, we did not touch the flooring, any plumbing fixtures or under cabinet lighting and that's how we were able to stay within the clients' budget," Orfield-Skrivervh said.

"I wanted to make sure that people realize it is unusual to get a kitchen

for under \$30,000. Traditionally, they start around \$50,000 for kitchens if you're going to redo them and they go up from there."

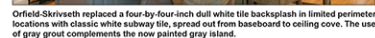
The project, which was finished in

December 2014, earned Orfield Design and Construction the top award in the category of Residential Kitchen Under \$30K in the NARI (National Association of Remodeling Industry) MN Chapter CoY (Contractor of the Year) 2015

Remodel continued on page 13



BEFORE



AFTER

Orfield-Skrivervh replaced a four-by-four-inch dull white tile backsplash in limited perimeter locations with classic white subway tile, spread out from baseboard to ceiling cove. The use of gray grout complements the now painted gray island.

The American  
**Jewish World**  
AJWNEWS.com

## REAL ESTATE & HOME IMPROVEMENT

Remodel continued from page 12

Award Competition.

"It's just one of many different types of remodeling," Orfield-Skrivervh said. "What I like about it the most is it's a recognition of our hard work."

Orfield-Skrivervh said she still maintains a relationship with the client, who continues to be pleased with the completed project.

Taking an  
old kitchen  
and just putting  
granite counter-  
tops in just does  
not do it

\*\*\*

Since 1978, Orfield Design and Construction's local, second-generation, award-winning design/build firm has been offering unique, creative design solutions in any community. The company offers interior designers, accredited drafters, master carpenters and detailed project managers.

For information, contact the firm at 952-920-6543 or visit www.orfielddesign.com.



BEFORE



AFTER

Handmade cabinet panels were added around the island and at the ends of base cabinets. Some doors became new drawers, a pullout trash receptacle was created, and all door hinges and drawer slides were changed to soft close. Every door received a new decorative knob and all drawers got new bin pull hardware.

*Orfield*  
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
Unique Vision for Residential  
Remodeling Since 1978

