





A building firm adds contemporary updates to a historic home. BY KRISTIN DOWDING PHOTOGRAPHY BY JENNIFER HUGHES

hen you're renovating an old structure, it's important to balance the updates with some of its classic features. When the homeowners of this 1920s Craftsman in Chevy Chase, Maryland, asked Four Brothers Design + Build to update their home, they were able to add contemporary features to the exterior that didn't take away from the charm of the structure.

BALANCING EXISTING FEATURES

The main update to the exterior was the addition of a screened-in porch, a black metal roof, a second-story addition and new windows. "The new windows on the second floor mimicked the grille pattern of the existing windows," says Kate Donahue, RA, architect and team

leader at Four Brothers. "The first-floor windows and doors are a more contemporary nod with the grille pattern at the top of the units only."

To counteract these modern features, the team chose siding that would complement the existing finishes. "The first floor was finished in stucco, while the second story was clad in vertical siding," says Kate. "While this does not match the original siding of the house exactly, it was a nod to the existing finishes of brick on the first floor and lap siding on the second floor." Because of their thoughtful planning, they were able to successfully integrate a contemporary addition to this historic home.

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