

EDINA CLASSIC

A gracious Cape Cod honors the past—inside and out

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RIGHT The kitchen's open design makes its fine finishes shine: the luscious Carrara Marble countertop of the generously sized island, the granite topping the perimeter cabinetry, and the stainless-steel tile backsplash.

BELOW Traditional details, such as the divided-pane windows, shutters, dormers, and peaked roofline, establish this home's classic demeanor and help it fit right into its east Edina neighborhood.



Visitors can be forgiven for assuming this house has long been comfortably ensconced in its established neighborhood. The two-story home fits so seamlessly into its east Edina neighborhood that its 2010 vintage is apparent only in its carefully considered amenities. Rob Eldridge, owner of Ridge Creek Custom Homes, used materials and details that speak to a tradition of gracious living found mainly in the past. Narrow-board, red-birch flooring, common in older Edina homes, reinforces the classic character of the first floor, with venerable touches—such as a swinging butler's door between the kitchen and formal dining room and a window seat in the great room—adding another layer of charm.

By no means is this just-under 5,400-square-foot home strictly traditional, however: The formal front foyer, flanked by an office and the dining room, leads to the striking open space of the kitchen, great room, and spectacular four-season sunroom beyond. Eight-foot windows and custom built-ins surround these rooms, adding convenience and distinction, and flooding the rooms with natural light.

The owners' suite, a guest suite, and two additional bedrooms linked by a Jack-and-Jill bath round out the private spaces on the upper level. The lower level includes a great room with egress windows, as well as ample room for an additional bedroom and bath should the future owner desire. —C.L.



TOP The sun-filled great room, open to the kitchen, is framed by custom cabinetry. The space shows off the narrow boards of red birch on the floor, a touch that reinforces the home's traditional styling.

ABOVE The open kitchen and great room feature loads of storage space and thoughtfully designed built-ins. Along one wall is a handy kitchen desk topped with granite.

RIGHT The dual vanity in the owners' bath is topped with Carrara Marble, while basket-weave mosaic marble on the floor adds luxury underfoot.

ABOVE, LEFT Where better to curl up with a good book than the window seat next to the great room's fireplace? Enormous divided-pane windows add charm and let in loads of sunlight.

RIGHT The two-sided gas fireplace, faced with marble in the great room and travertine in the sunroom, makes both spaces cozy year-round. The window-surrounded, sun-dazzled room opens to the backyard and patio.

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