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# A home for the writer and her family. The home office zone became crucial in the project

The house in Kentfield, California was built in 1925. The owners wanted to modernize and expand it, while preserving its historical fabric. The modernization works were designed by Brad Hubbell of Hubbell Daily Architecture + Design, and the interior design was prepared by Lisa Tornello of Millroad Studio.

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A family of four and a dog live in this house in Marin County, California. The husband works for a large technology company and his wife is a talented writer. They are both inspired by nature and adventure. They enjoy skiing, mountain biking, hiking and playing soccer.

## A house tailored to family needs

The family wanted to expand their house so that their sons could have their own bedrooms. They also wanted to include dedicated work spaces and a separate exercise room in the design. There was also supposed to be a bathroom located near these two rooms. All these points were implemented.

A new staircase leading to the second floor was also added. The owners' bedroom, bathroom and garage were also completely transformed and modernized. As part of this metamorphosis, the living room was also refreshed and new furniture was introduced. Outside, the garden was modernized and a swimming pool was created.



## Modernization of a house from 1925

The house was built in 1925, the owners wanted to modernize it while preserving its historical fabric. The house finishes deliberately combine elements of the past with a modern design vision.

- We wanted to pay tribute to the original character of the house. We introduced paneled interior doors that match the original doors of the house. We then combined them with more modern details such as suspended skirting boards and window and door frames. We surrounded the rooms with pure whites, such as Simply White and Chantilly Lace from Benjamin Moore. Ashley Norton interior door kits feature crisp, worn detailing. They were chosen in a dark brown color, which combines both modern and historical elements. Mesh windows add references to history, while stairs introduce modernity, says an architect from Millroad Studio.

## A piano with history

Millroad Studio worked with Hubbell Daily on the finishing touches and supplied some of the furniture for the home. The living room space features, among others: Steinway & Sons piano - a family treasure passed down from generation to generation in the house owner's family. The piano not only delights with its appearance, it also has a wonderful history. The homeowner's grandmother was the best friend of a talented opera singer. Steinway made this piano especially for her accompanist, with whom it was claimed she had an affair and later married him. A photo of her accompanist stands on the mantelpiece.

Also noteworthy is a vintage travertine table accompanied by a brutalist lamp, which the architect found in Round Top. The unique art comes from Westpark Home.









## Bedroom with bathroom

The bedroom is a collection of unique furniture and details. There is a lamp from the Swiss lighting designer, Panter & Tourron, with a minimalist cloud shape. In the bedroom alcove there is a table with a Notary ceramic lamp and a woven chair.

Inflatable lamps made by a Danish lighting designer hung in the bathroom. And wavy travertine tiles from Tile Fever add character to this space. - We were supposed to use a neutral color palette. In bathrooms with many hard surfaces, it is important to introduce natural materials and textures. They add warmth to the space, emphasizes the architect.











## Home office for two

The home office zone was designed as a multifunctional space. All file cabinets have wheels, and the drawers of the built-in bench are designed as poufs. This way, the room can transform from an office into a place of relaxation.

- Mount Tamalpais is the central figure in Marin County. We paid special attention to the design to capture as many of its characteristic features as possible. The bench is even designed so that everyone who sits on it has a great view of the mountain. The windows open fully to provide unlimited views, emphasizes the architect.

The shelf displays organic, expressive decorative elements made by craftsmen from Ink & Porcelain.







## Listening corner

An interesting space in the house is a listening corner organized in a small alcove. Millroad Studio creates them regularly in many of its projects. - These are places where our customers can stop for a moment and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. This is the first listening corner that we have created for children, says the architect.

