

Porch and Terrace Addition

Because Minnesota summers are fleeting, the Reyelts wanted a screen porch to help them enjoy every minute of our balmiest season. For Martha Yunker, AIA, YA Architecture, Minneapolis, and colleague Anthony Scott, the challenge of adding the porch was pure pleasure, as it was "a blending of the practical and the aesthetic," Yunker says. "It's important for architects to do some small projects, because an architecturally savvy remodel or addition can improve a client's living environment."



Martha Yunker, AIA

Yunker credits the Reyelts for staying true to their Minneapolis home's original turn-of-the-20th-century French style. "They wanted everything done to this house to continue the standard of the original architecture," she says. Her scheme included both a 15-by-20-foot wood-framed screen porch that opens off the home's informal eating area and a bluestone terrace in what was a muddy pass-through between kitchen and garage. By adding a fountain to the exterior wall of the garage, Yunker created a restful courtyard feel on the new terrace.

On the porch, a large hipped-roof skylight pours light into the interior of the space. Inside, a granite-topped buffet, dining table and informal seating area make the porch a multi-function room that the family can use from spring through fall. Detailed woodwork is finished in the same gray-green as the house trim.

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Space between the garage and house (above) was replaced with a three-season screen porch (top) and courtyard/terrace with fountain (left).