The Alexanders loved their Eagan home—located in a cul-de-sac, in a nice neighborhood, with a backyard that backed up to beautiful trees. As time went on and their family’s needs changed, however, they began dreaming of making their home truly their own. “We first reached out to JBDB with some small ideas that quickly turned into much larger transformations,” explained Susan Alexander.

Starting Small

“Initially, we wanted to expand our two car garage once our daughter got her license,” Susan said. “But our master bedroom above was so tiny; it wasn’t even comfortable to move around in. So then we thought, why don’t we see if it’s possible to add on above the garage?”

Updating main living areas to create a cohesive space

The Alexanders hoped to transform their master bathroom with more storage options, a streamlined tub, and larger shower. To bring their dreams to life, the JBDB team installed white quartz countertops, ample custom cabinetry, and an undermount tub perfect for the space. A stunning new walk-in shower features a frameless glass door, built-in bench, and mosaic tile accents. The finished result is a light, calming, and spacious master bath that’s the perfect place to unwind!
Personal Touches
One unique feature of the remodel was the custom handrail design on the staircase between the dining room and upstairs living room. “Susan had been to France and had seen a railing with this spiral detail and taken a picture of it,” Sam said. “That served as the inspiration to create this design for their railing. It’s a totally unique feature that has a great, personal backstory to it.”

“The result was a spacious master bedroom retreat featuring a cozy sitting area, fireplace, and a welcoming outdoor balcony for the Alexanders to enjoy their morning coffee.”

“We wanted the kitchen, dining, and living areas to feel open and calm,” Susan said. “Aesthetically, redoing those spaces made everything feel more cohesive.”

“They have a unique setup, where the living room is upstairs,” said Sam Schmitt, a designer at JBDB. “We wanted an open concept so they could more easily entertain and have a better sight line between the living room, dining room, and kitchen.”

“We relocated windows from the kitchen and installed them in the living room,” Sam said. “Those windows, paired with the open concept, really helped to bring in a lot more natural light.”

Making Changes
Before this most recent remodel, the kitchen had builder-grade cabinets, limited storage space, and a very small dining room area. “For Thanksgiving or whenever we would have people over, we were really crunched in there,” Susan said. Updating the main level’s living areas at the same time helped bring the spaces together.

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In the kitchen, the JBDB team installed custom walnut cabinets and a sleek enameled black island with contrasting light quartz countertops. A narrow reeded glass in the upper cabinets added subtle texture to the design, and beautiful honey brass decorative hardware echoed the brass tones in the kitchen’s plumbing fixtures and lights.

“We spent time together as a family before, but with the new layout and the cohesiveness of the house, it naturally brings the family together even more.”

— Susan Alexander

The Final Results
“We truly love everything,” Susan said of the transformation and how it effortlessly brings the family together.

“Recently we were all gathered in the kitchen getting everything prepared for our daughter’s graduation party. At that moment, it struck me how easy this new space made it to work and enjoy our time together. It is much more than just a kitchen; it’s a welcoming place for our family to be together.”

When it comes to working with the JBDB team, the Alexanders could not have been happier. “When thinking about JBDB, the word that comes to mind is seamless. The process was seamless from beginning to end and they are fantastic people to work with.”