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Considering both form and function, Erin Haugerud crafts elegant spaces immersed in calm.

"Home is where we rejuvenate and recharge. It should be effortless," says Erin Haugerud, founder of full-service interior design firm EH Design. "Function is key. Everything should have a purpose and place and be effortlessly beautiful."

Targeted questions, asked over the course of several conceptual meetings with clients, guarantee just that, whether refurnishing a room or undertaking a full remodel. "Where do you place your shoes when you walk into your home? Are you an empty nester or a large family? What are your day-to-day activities? These questions are imperative to the process in understanding how each member of the family operates in daily life," says Haugerud.

A meticulous communicator, carried over from her near decade of experience in public relations, Haugerud visualizes clients' dream spaces with as little as a short list of preferences. And before ground is ever broken, a plan is created and approved to ensure everyone is on the same page.

"We follow through the entire construction process with the builder and the client to make sure all the



design materials that were chosen are implemented correctly," she says. "We never work off a templated design. It's crafted per client."

On Lake Minnetonka's Lafayette Bay, one remodel married coastal, Nantucket style with the needs of a modern-day family. A reconfiguration of the back entry includes a laundry room, mudroom, and powder room for easy cleanup after an afternoon at the lake. Originally a third garage stall in the basement, a rec room encourages fun with friends, and a reimagination of existing living and dining space provides a beautiful backdrop for day-to-day family activities.



"I love showing clients that their home is more than just four walls," Haugerud says. "We design around how they live."

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