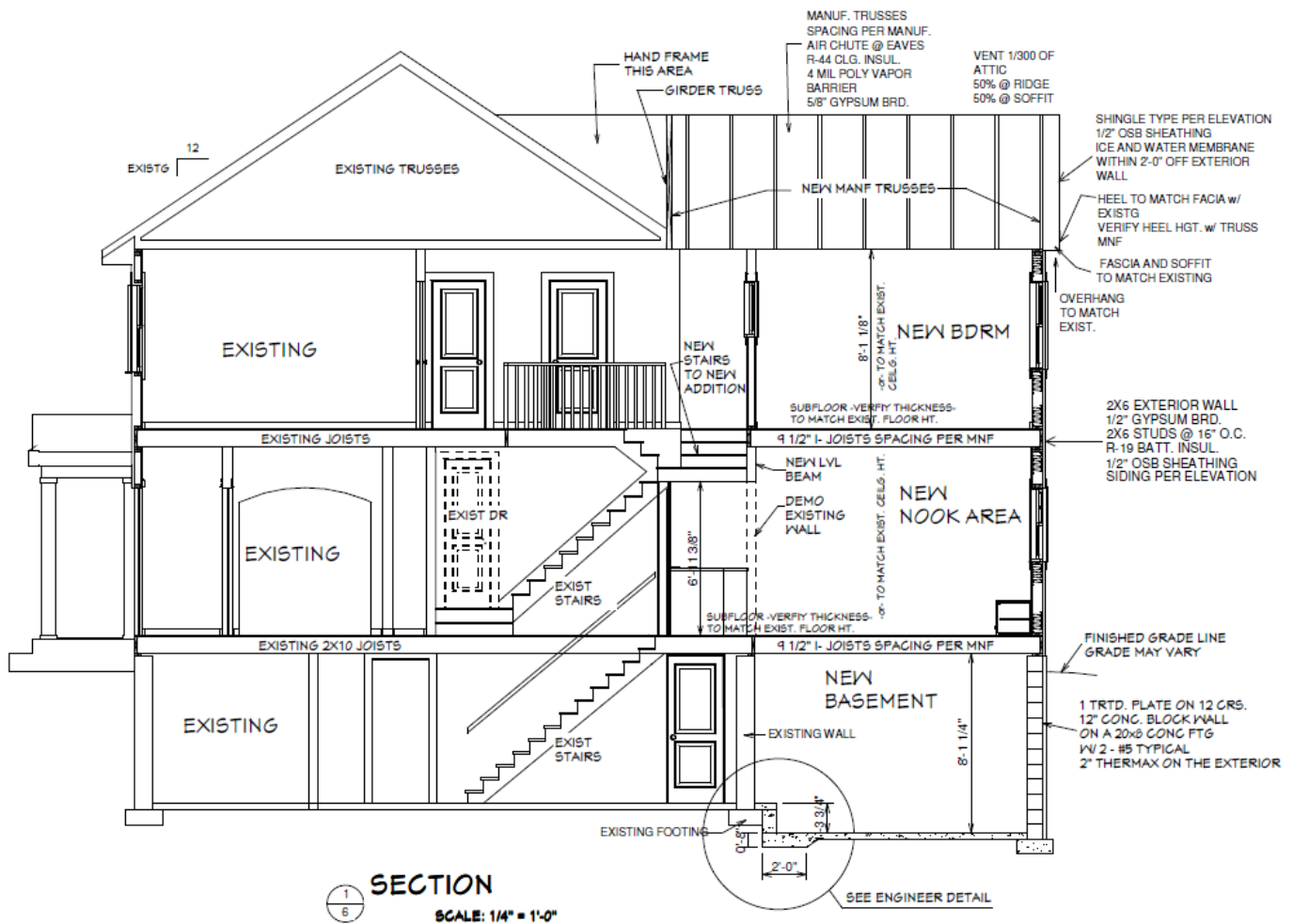


January 2019

PROJECT FEATURE: Whole House Remodel / Addition with 2nd Floor Laundry, Basement Sauna and more!



The owners of this 1923 South Minneapolis Center-Hall Colonial home needed more space, and the home itself needed updating. However, the owners did not want to lose the period feel of their home. Castle constructed a two-story addition on the

rear of the home, allowing for the kitchen to be remodeled and enlarged, and a half-bath to be added on the main floor.

In the kitchen, custom cabinetry by Bayer Interior Woods was installed and both Cambria quartz and butcher block countertops were used.





The home also boasts a quaint family room addition.



Lowering the basement floor allowed for a new $\frac{3}{4}$ basement bath and a new sauna.



Energy-efficient upgrades were also made. To help preserve the original feel of the home, the existing floors were sanded and refinished and the stucco was re-dashed.



At the end of remodel, the owners had a beautifully enlarged and updated space without sacrificing the period feel of their home.

Before

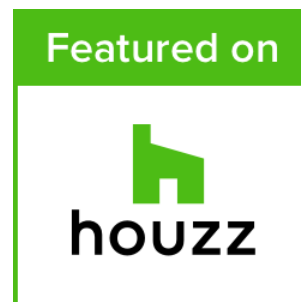
During

After



See full details on this project, including before photos at <https://www.castlebri.com/wholehouse/project-1520-2/>

CASTLE CRED: Castle was featured on Houzz's "How to Create an Efficient Laundry System in a Small Space"



EDUCATION FEATURE: How much would it cost to put a washer/dryer in my 2nd floor hallway closet (like in the project above)?

This is a very commonly asked question because 2nd floor laundry is so handy! Forget lugging your dirty laundry to the cold, dark basement, having to remember to switch the laundry because you probably didn't hear the buzzer from all the way upstairs, and then hauling your clean clothes back up 2 flights to your closet! Uff da!

In this modern age, more and more homeowners are opting for the 2nd floor laundry option. Think of how much time you'd save, daily!

But it's not as easy of a project as you might think.

Here's what makes this project complicated:

- **You'll need to route the water and drain lines upstairs and vent plumbing as well as dryer to exterior.** Especially in older homes, these lines are hooked up in the basement and it takes some work to reroute them.
- **You'll need to install disaster pan to contain potential leaks.** If your washer leaks in your basement it's usually no problem because the water vanishes down the floor drain. But if your washer leaks on your 2nd floor, it could completely ruin your kitchen underneath and you may not notice until the damage is done. Disaster pans are needed to avoid, well.... disasters!
- **Size of appliances is important.** Sometimes compact sizes will be needed to get through doorways or up narrow stairs.
- **If an existing closet with enough size does not exist, you might need to take space from an adjacent one.** Moving walls always costs more. For the sake of this example, we're going to assume you already have a hallway closet big enough for a stacked washer/dryer. However, if creating a bigger hallway closet is something your home would require, see optional add-ons within [this estimate](#).
- **Finding the right location can sometimes be tricky.** In order to get the plumbing upstairs, walls may need to be opened below or chases/soffits created to contain plumbing. Ideally, you have a large enough closet directly above your current washer/dryer but that is not always the case.

So, how much would it cost to put a washer/dryer in your 2nd floor hallway closet? You're looking at a **minimum of \$15,000.**

See [this estimate we put together](#) for how that all breaks out.

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- March 12th, 2019 - 6PM - Materials & Finishes 101
- April 2nd, 2019 - 6PM - Planning a 1/2 Story (Attic) Remodel
- May 21st, 2019 - 6PM - Effectively Financing Your Remodel

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- January 29th, 2019 - 6PM - Effectively Financing Your Remodel
- March 5th, 2019 - 6PM - Evaluating Your Home for Solar
- May 7th, 2019 - 6PM - Planning a Bathroom Remodel

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- February 12th, 2019 - 6PM - Planning a 1/2 Story (Attic) Remodel
- March 19th, 2019 - 6PM - Planning a Kitchen Remodel
- April 9th, 2019 - 6PM - Evaluating Your Home for Solar

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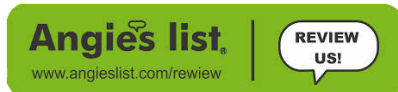
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