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*A Lakewood remodel  
creates light-filled spaces  
for a growing family*

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**WINDOW TREATMENT**  
A Lakewood home renovation results in rooms linked by walls of windows meant to enhance natural light and views of the surrounding landscape

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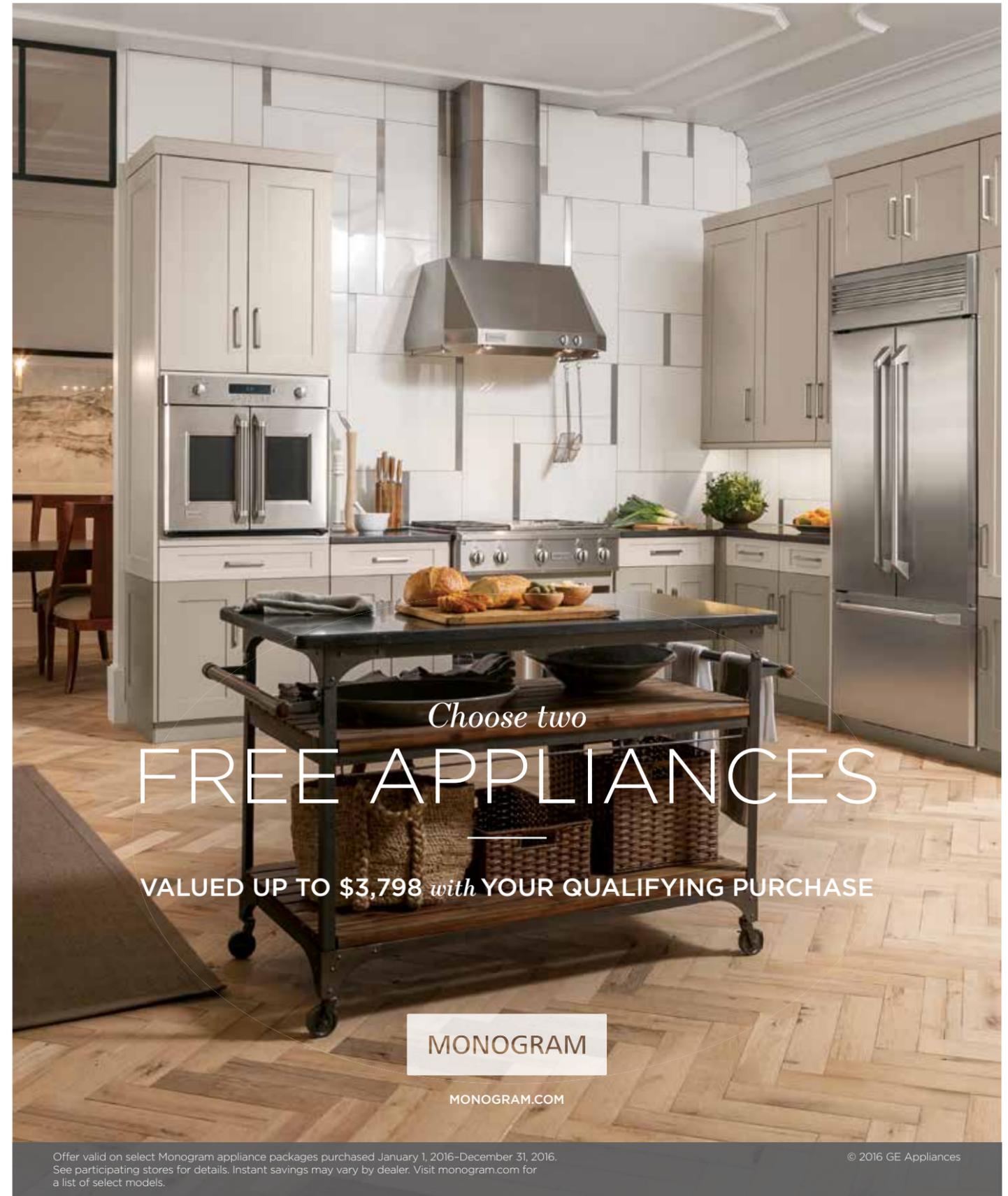


**T**he '40s bungalow just "felt right" as soon as Shannon and Pablo Supkay walked through the front door of the 2,000-square-foot house 10 years ago in Seattle's Lakewood neighborhood. The two-bedroom house had a cozy atmosphere, the neighborhood was familiar to the couple, and they were instantly charmed by the peaceful Lake Washington view.

"Then...we had the children [now ages 7 and 4] and we needed more space," Shannon says. "We realized we couldn't even have people over for dinner. We contemplated moving,

#### DESIGN INSPIRATION

The name of this Lakewood house, called Mangosteen, was inspired by the homeowners' travels and life in Southeast Asia where they fell in love with the fruit, mangosteen. The fruit's tough, textural peel is mirrored in the exterior red cedar siding, and its smooth, white center, is similarly reflected in the interior layout



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**OPEN CONCEPT**  
**Top:** Windows covering the rear facade stream natural daylight into the kitchen and dining room  
**Above:** Views of Lake Washington can be seen from the deck off the master bedroom

but we didn't want to leave this spot." Instead, the couple decided to explore the idea of adding a floor and expanding the deck. "That's all we wanted to do," Pablo notes.

Their approach changed significantly once they completed the detailed questionnaire provided by architects Lisa Chadbourne and Daren Doss, co-owners and principals of the Central District's Chadbourne + Doss Architects design firm. "We call it homework," says Chadbourne. "Each [questionnaire] is tailored to each client to help tease out priorities, understand how they live and become familiar with their rituals so we can craft the design of the house around them."

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**SECOND STORY**

**Top:** The children's rooms have a sliding door (recessed in photo) connecting the spaces between them. **Right:** Milestone floors line the master bathroom which also features a skylight in the shower



What clearly emerged from the process was the desire to bring the “outside in” and to take advantage of the lake, the light and the landscape. “There was no way to access the downstairs area from the original first-floor deck, which was small,” says Pablo. “We wanted to have a covered seating area downstairs, an open sitting area with a fire pit to capture the view of Mount Rainier. The whole outside front of the house [facing the street] was unusable, so we wanted to make sure that space was fixed.”

“They really wanted a good indoor/outdoor flow,” says Chadbourne. “We wanted to make the whole property feel like a much bigger exterior experience.”

The original design plan was to keep the existing footprint, expand the first-floor deck and add the 1,000-square-foot second story, which would house three new bedrooms—a master suite and two bedrooms and a bath for their daughters—along the east side of the house facing the lake. However, it became clear the existing

stairs were in an awkward place and hindering the first-floor layout.

“We realized if we moved the stairs to the back [street side of the house] it would open up the space,” says Pablo. “The bottom line is, that single decision set up a situation where a lot of change happened on the main floor and below, and it was going to cost more to keep the original exterior walls than knocking it down and building it from the ground up.”

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So, the once small, dark two-bedroom cottage was taken down to its foundation and rebuilt, with the living room, dining room and kitchen located in the same place on the first floor, and the staircase moved to the street side of the house. What emerged from the ground up was a modern design with a window-covered rear facade that captures the morning sun and lake views from all three floors. Dramatic western red cedar siding on the street side of the property offers privacy.

Even though the new, 3,000-square-foot home no longer looks like a cottage, its modern design still manages to preserve the original sense of coziness the couple experienced on that first day they walked through the old bungalow's door.

"Oddly, it feels like the same house. Everything is kind of in the same place," Pablo says. "We really did like our old house." ☺

> This modern home was selected by a panel of architects for the AIA Seattle (aia-seattle.org) Home of Distinction program to celebrate its compact and thoughtful layout supporting the owners' indoor/outdoor lifestyle, together with great use of cost-effective and quality materials where they have the most impact.

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