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Respectful remodel

Resourceful

The story of Kristin and Kenan Block's renovation of a 1904 Seattle home is one of research, road trips, and recycling. Their goal was to add a master bedroom on a new third floor and to extend and remodel the kitchen on the first. They wanted to keep all of the new features in character with the age of the house and specified that the remodel be as green as possible.

From the front, the new third floor is simply a gabled extension of the dormer. Serendipity and a collector's eye were key elements in outfitting the interior. The Blocks found the long kitchen sink at a salvage shop during a vacation in Vermont, and they lugged back the folding train-compartment sink—the highlight of the guest bathroom—from a Portland store called Rejuvenation, which specializes in salvage, house parts, and reproduction lighting.

Most of the interior and exterior materials are recycled or salvaged, including the beams, fir flooring (which was remilled), siding, cabinets, sinks, bathtubs, decorative sash windows, antique leaded glass, and interior doors.

Kristin sums up: "I think we saved money buying recycled products, but we sometimes spent more trying to get them installed."

DESIGN: J.A.S. Design-Build, Seattle (www.jasdesignbuild.com or 206/547-6242)



New-old

In the added master bedroom and bathroom, the trough sink, horizontal boards for the walls, and interior glass door are recycled. For maximum energy efficiency, windows are double-glazed and argon gas-filled.