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Seamless Second Floor Addition, Exterior Updates, and a New Primary Bathrooom



Photo by Scottie Davidson

2742 Colony Road, Ann Arbor

This receptive 1960's colonial had served the homeowner's busy family for almost 20 years. With a focus on family and neighborhood pride, the homeowners tasked Giraffe with building an addition that would blend harmoniously with the scale and character of the surrounding houses. The homeowners also asked that Giraffe consider ways to upgrade and modernize the exterior of the home.

Starting with the massing of the addition, the focus was to seamlessly stretch the second floor over the garage. A small, auxiliary shed structure introduces an asymmetry to the otherwise uniform home. Careful placement of modern window boxes add another layer of detail and function. New horizontal shou sugi ban siding on the second floor and shed combined with new, modern, black casement windows to give the home a sleek yet timeless feel. Lastly, an overlay of thermally modified ash siding clad the walls and ceiling of the front porch, serving as a warm, inviting entry to the home.

On the interior, we focused on creating a bright, yet comfortable series of spaces. New windows in the primary bedroom provide panoramic views of the yard and woods beyond. The primary closet is brimming with built-in storage as well as a stacked washer/dryer. The crown jewel of the addition is the primary bathroom which combines beautiful marble and crisp white tile and ample natural light. The space is punctuated with an ebony stained cherry vanity that's shape references the push and pull of the window boxes on the home's exterior.



From Packard St., turn onto Colony Road, heading north. The home is on the left.



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