

# Pond Cottage

HOUSE STORY

## About the Project

Built in 1999, this two-story, five bedroom, five bath home encompasses 5,300 square feet. Though the layout had character, the fit and finishes did not—the interior was the epitome of builder beige blah with '90s maple everywhere! Yet, I saw potential. Situated on a beautiful private pond next to Lake Minnetonka, the large, spacious home enjoys gorgeous views.

## Client Family

Momma and three teenage daughters.

## Top Priority

Creating a unique and beautiful character reflective of Momma client's personality was my focus, as well as giving this larger home a fancy cottage feel.

## Special Feature

The kitchen island steals the show! The custom painted finish is the result of a six-step process and gives the piece the feel of a vintage piece from Europe. And the carved legs give the island a unique beauty.

## If This Home Were An Outfit...

it would be jeans and a T-shirt with high heels, a string of pearls, and diamond earrings.

## Paint Colors

### WALLS

Benjamin Moore White Dove OC-17,  
flat finish

### CEILING

Benjamin Moore White Dove OC-17,  
flat finish

### CABINETRY + MILLWORK

Benjamin Moore White Dove OC-17,  
eggshell finish; laundry is Sherwin-Williams  
Vintage Gold SW9024, eggshell finish; kitchen island is a  
six-step custom color developed by the  
Beautiful Chaos team

## Woodwork

### SPECIES

White oak

### HARDWOOD FLOORS

Original maple refinished to look old and  
coated with a clear matte polyurethane

## Timeline



Construction  
Begins



Project is  
Finished



Even in chaos,  
there is safety.

>> **One of my favorite transformations in this project was taking two coat closets with boring standard 9-foot-tall salvage doors from Urban Market Medina in Medina, Minnesota, to give the entry a European air and add scale to the 18-foot-tall entry wall. We then added 9-foot-tall cremone bolt hardware for adornment. Notice the cremone bolts that coordinate with the Salerno Cabinet from Ballard Designs in the piano room. The Simone Chandelier from Pottery Barn and chairs from The Sitting Room (Excelsior, Minnesota) add a luxury look and feel to the carpeted space.**