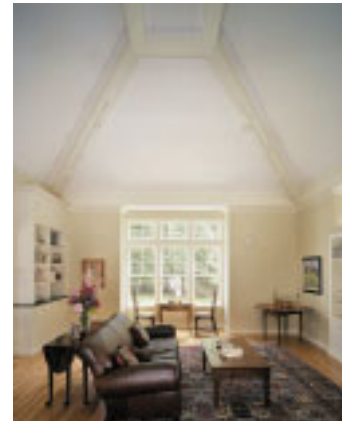


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This renovation of a “spec” house in Newton, Massachusetts improved the original finishes, mechanical systems and external appearance. The exterior was substantially altered, creating a non-historic look which nevertheless fit comfortably in a neighborhood of Victorian, Shingle Style, and Arts and Crafts homes. A large, centrally-located kitchen is situated adjacent to the family room which also functions as a state-of-the-art media room. A spacious front hall replaced the original entryway, which was exceptionally cramped. The new entrance is further enhanced by a covered porch featuring large columns and deeply overhanging roof.



**Owner**  
Bruce and Ellen Crystal

**Contractor**  
SJD Construction

**Cost**  
Withheld at owner’s request

**Top**  
Front entrance featuring wrap-around porch and large columns.

**Middle left**  
View through kitchen/dining area toward family room at center.

**Middle right**  
Family/media room.

**Right**  
Front entry hall with stairway to upper level.