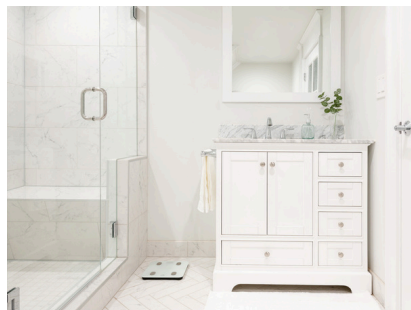
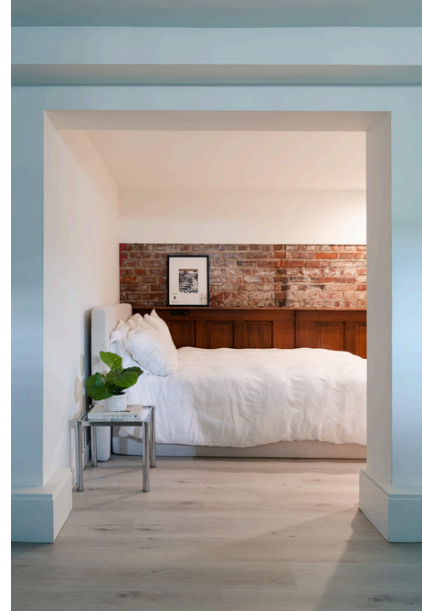


Queen Anne ADU

SEATTLE, WA



The homeowner in Seattle's Queen Anne neighborhood wanted to transform the basement of his historic home into a private space for short-term rentals that could also accommodate visits from his adult daughter. In the long term, the homeowner envisioned the flexibility of living in the ADU while renting the larger home above. Because the space would serve a variety of users over time, adaptability became a central design goal. Previously an unfinished utility area, the basement offered a natural opportunity for an Accessory Dwelling Unit with both interior access and a direct connection to the exterior.

Originally built in 1903, the home brought both charm and challenges, including low ceilings and limited natural daylight. To keep the space feeling open and airy, bright and crisp materials were selected to bounce light throughout the interior, while wood-look floors and brass accents maintain warmth. At 650 square feet, the design was kept as an open studio to preserve flexibility, with a curtained sleeping nook and a small section of original brick left exposed as a nod to the home's history.

Beauty and function were considered in the detailing. Marble-look quartz countertops extend up the kitchen wall as a full-height backsplash behind open shelving, reducing maintenance while adding visual continuity. A porcelain marble-look tile laid in a herringbone pattern introduces elegance and helps visually stretch the compact space.