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## PROJECT PROFILE : Seattle Mid-Century Design

Neil Kelly Design Consultant:  
Roger Conan

Dana Von Veh imagined the day when she could sit with her newspaper and morning coffee and gaze over Puget Sound. She already had the view: Her mid-century ranch sits on the southwest slope of Seattle, peering over Fautleroy Cove—recording the persistent path of the Vashon Island Ferries. But the laminate countertops had seen better days, and the cabinets—while structurally sound—were worn and faded.

Neil Kelly Seattle Design Consultant Roger Conan had his work cut out for him. “Dana wanted to update the galley kitchen and the dining nook that overlook the Puget Sound by achieving a modern and cohesive design that embodies the style of the 1950s.” Roger soon learned that his client wanted change...but not too much change. “Our client loved the simple design of her existing kitchen cabinet slab doors and wanted to preserve as many as she could,” he said. Neil Kelly Senior Design Consultant Leila Ramac-Pasco was in charge of selecting finishes and lighting for the project. “It was great working with Dana because she had a vision of what she wanted her space to be,” Leila says.



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## OLD MEET NEW, NEW MEET OLD: NOW, BLEND.

So now the Von Veh house is a blend of old and new. The old laminate countertops are gone, replaced with a low-maintenance Corian surface that mimics Carrara marble. The old pegboard ceiling tiles and track lights were replaced with a new painted ceiling and recessed lighting. “I was especially excited when Dana said yes to the dining nook pendant,” Leila says. “It’s a reproduction of the George Nelson Bubble Lamp Saucer Pendant.” And to bring unity to the old and new cabinets, Cohen had them all painted white.

## THE FINISHING TOUCH

Green beach glass accent tiles are mixed with white subway tiles to freshen the backsplash, the built-in banquette in the dining nook was upholstered in a soft butter-yellow color and supported with mid-century modern table legs. Then the 1950’s palette is enhanced with the addition of the Big Chill Retro appliances in a fresh Jadite green. And the icing on this retro cake is crafted with an original Eero Saarinen tulip dining table. It is the perfect table for Dana Von Veh to have her morning coffee and enjoy the view of Puget Sound. Now, she can enjoy the view inside her fresh new mid-century as well. “The overall design is just fabulous”, says Dana. “There was excellent planning, thorough execution, and they listened to me and acted on everything I said.”

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