



# Nesting

Cozy and stylish Euro living.

MOTHER TERESA ADVISED, “Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start.” Often our homes are a reflection of who we are and how we love. Our home is our nest. It’s where we come to roost after a long arduous day.

Stepping to the Edina home of Lori and JC Anderson, you get the feeling you have been there before. It has a homey elegance that is both inviting and familiar—though very few pieces can be found anywhere else in the world. Lori Anderson has always been passionate about travel and home décor. She spent a number of years working and traveling for Target Corp. and always seemed to come home from her trips with a little something. Her exposure to European antiques would prove to be a prophetic endeavor.

In 2001 the Andersons did a major remodel and added about 3,200 square feet to their space. They created a large, open kitchen heated in part by an Aga stove—a unique kitchen staple created in the early 1900s by Gustav Dalén, a blind Nobel Prize-winning physicist. There is no heat setting, no on/off switch,

and preset temperatures for the top burner plates: boil, simmer and warm. The oven heat is modified by where the over rack is placed.

“I love to cook and I knew when I saw this that it would be perfect for our new kitchen,” Anderson says. The very fact that she gravitated to this unique item is a testament to her passion for sophisticated, purposeful, statement-making pieces. There’s also an inviting four-season room off of the kitchen as well as a very extensive mudroom that used to be used for the kids sports equipment and gear. The Anderson children are now away at college; Spencer is a senior at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Hannah is a freshman at the University of Denver.

Everywhere you look there is an eye-catching, meaningful item—glassware, a vase, a chair, a vintage clock or a table, such as the “people” table that has legs that are hand carvings of people holding up the top as a gesture of gathering that makes you pause to peruse. Anderson has no designer training, but rather just a sense and an eye for fabulous pieces. The European influence is everywhere, most predominately placed in



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Lori Anderson shows off her beautiful new European-style kitchen.

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the lower-level wine cellar. The feel of the tiny room with rounded alcoves, sconces and an old French tasting table in the center is positively transporting.

Anderson has parlayed her love of European pieces and travel into a perfect business for her. EuroNest is a Minneapolis home décor store specializing in vintage reproduction furniture, wine antiques and accessories. It also offers design consultation and upholstery.

“When I go over to Europe, I go everywhere looking for pieces for my store,” she says. “I really hunt. I shop in barns, markets and homes sales to make sure that I bring home pieces that are truly unique.” On occasion she ends up picking a piece for her store that she just can’t part with, such as the 1826 drinking cabinet in her entryway.

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