

“The new porch is our favorite landing spot to have a cup of coffee and relax.”

Wendy Miner



A new peak, porch, and garage door with frosted glass panels give this once-plain 1940s ranch house in Seattle a more welcoming presence.

3 One in a neighborhood of what Wendy Miner and Scott Ward affectionately refer to as “little rectangular shoeboxes,” this 1947 ranch received some design help from neighbor Linda Pruitt. Its plain entry was a blank canvas, making it a great candidate for a remake. Pruitt imagined it as a midcentury modern cottage, taking a cue from the angles of the garage to add a charming covered porch. The new entry was constructed with natural cedar decking, rails, and shingles. Lush landscaping enhances the updated facade. Borders provide year-round color and were designed to capture the home’s storm water runoff. The plantings act as decorative layers of separation between the house and the street. A curved walkway to the front steps creates a natural spot for a bed that’s anchored with a pair of arborvitae.