



**ABOVE:** Built in Canada by Amish craftsmen, the ten-foot long solid maple table is made entirely without nails. The bench style seating at either end allows for more casual dining.

## Space Allocation

### From Wish List to the Guest List

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**T**hirty years ago when Tim Anderson broke ground on an A-Frame at the county line, he had no way of knowing that the sportsman's hideaway he envisioned—would become an entirely different adventure. Tim met his wife Kim, and in time they became parents.

The bachelor pad, turned family home was cozy and private, but as the years passed, the Anderson's decided to make more room. They added a large combination living, kitchen, and dining area across the back, almost doubling the size of the main level.



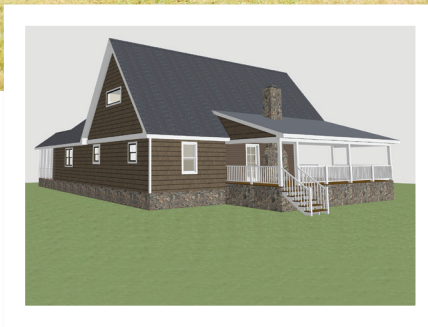
**ABOVE:** This image showcases the seamless integration of Graham's remodel with an earlier addition to the A-Frame. Graham and crew suggested a soft stain and darker beams to create balance floor to ceiling and to contrast against the white painted walls.



**ABOVE:** The view from the landing at the top of the new staircase shows off the ceiling line of the covered porch.



**ABOVE:** The room came down to the studs. The staircase was shifted flush against the back wall. Carpeting was removed and the entire space was polished and put right.



Moving from the before to the after is much more efficient thanks to Computer Assisted Design or CAD. Before the remodel, the cedar shake siding lured woodpeckers and carpenter bees and the wooden deck meant continual upkeep. After the remodel, the homeowners have a lot more space, and a lot less upkeep!

Of course, the kitchen is the heart of any home, and by relocating this important zone they inadvertently changed the entire circulation leaving to the dust bunnies what was once their cozy living room. “We found ourselves using the original part of the house as more of a pass-through, Kim explains. “Since we spend most of our time back here,” she says as she flips through images of their first remodel more than twenty years ago.

More recently, the Andersons went through another life’s change. They became empty nesters and decided it might be time to show the A-Frame some love, reduce the endless upkeep and take the opportunity to make changes to the architectural palette. At the Home Expo in 2017, they met Certified Builder Tim Graham who would help them rearrange interior zones, find room they didn’t know they had, and deliver a fabulous new outdoor living space with uninterrupted views of the surrounding landscape.

Kim loves the way the covered porch extends the entire footprint in a way



**ABOVE:** The new exterior elements include a vinyl ceiling in a traditional soft blue, Hardy Board siding and a synthetic Cedar shake. The decking is TREX and the original stone fireplace anchors the space.



**ABOVE:** Wrap it Up, I'll Take It — An updated, covered deck adds incredible value to the home because it creates a ton of flex space and formalizes the circulation of indoors and out. The builder looked for every opportunity to specify low maintenance materials like Trex decking and Hardy Board.

that an open-air deck never could. “We married 26 years ago and I have wanted a covered porch for 26 years,” she laughs. And Kim is not the only one who appreciates the difference. It truly may be the end of an era, as Tim Anderson reflects

on summers spent, tools in hand, pulling, replacing, or repainting weathered decking.

Building a home and then living in it for three decades allows ample time to figure out what’s working and what isn’t,



but ultimately even homeowner’s “... don’t know what they don’t know,” says Kim. She felt sometimes that even sites like Pinterest were a poor substitute for conveying ideas clearly.

Graham says that ultimately it’s the