

# THE AMERICAN DREAM—EXPANDED

A postwar home grows up



A thoughtfully balanced composition of shapes and materials—stucco, corrugated metal, glass and porcelain tile with the appearance of wood planks—creates compelling curb appeal in this home makeover by Jackson Design & Remodeling.



**Built soon after** World War II with affordability, sturdiness and functionality in mind, an artsy look was not part of this home's modest plan. But the American Dream changed—and so did this Ocean Beach home. Architect John Kavan of Jackson Design & Remodeling helped wake this residence from its early-1950s snooze and well into the next century where the new homeowners wanted it to live. In style, it transformed from basic traditional to fresh contemporary.

“The home was designed with a linear composition, strongly expressing horizontal lines,” John says of the makeover. “The decision to combine stucco with wood-like tile on the exterior accentuates the entry to the home. Corrugated-metal cladding around the long vertical window reinforces the focus on the entry. Porcelain tile gives a beautiful natural wood look and also weathers well because it is a synthetic material.”

A new entry facing west balances the structure visually and, for the retirees who

now live in the house, an understated added ramp for future possible accessibility needs was designed south of the entrance to keep it subtly tucked away from the front door.

Landscaping also left the early-'50s era, traveling from an irrigation-needy grass expanse to water-wise plantings and natural rockscape. And inside, extra space abounds. Would there have been two master suites or a yoga room in a postwar home? Highly doubtful. ❖