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VINTAGE *Refresh*

A 1920s Virginia bungalow gets a facelift using historic house plans.

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*When you want
your historic bungalow
to get a refresh but still
pay tribute to its past,*

a great place to begin is historic home designs. When Michael Winn, owner of Winn Design + Build, came on to help a family update their 1925 bungalow in Arlington, Virginia, he looked to the past to design for the future.

"We used the *Ashton Heights Style Guide* to Craftsman bungalow kit houses as a guide when planning architectural changes to the exterior," Michael says. The *Ashton Heights Style Guide* is a community document Arlington county developed alongside local house conservation and historic landmark groups to help homeowners in the historic Arlington neighborhoods keep their houses in line with the original architectural styles. The document outlines different types of home architecture in the area with descriptions and suggestions for details like trim and shutters, eaves and cornices, and types of windows and rooflines.

In addition, Michael incorporated a few modern elements too. "We decided that the contemporary touch would be best achieved by incorporating modern fixtures and low-maintenance building materials," he says. Some of these elements include the porch fans and lighting, decking and railing materials and the home's exterior colors. For the color scheme, "the navy blue offered a cool, modern look, and the yellow front door provided a pop of color and 'highlighted' the entry," Michael says. Between the historic foundation and modern touches, the home both looks to the past and is ready for the future.