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Chicken coop matches bungalow

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Twenty chickens cluck and roam where cement once filled the backyard of Andy McKeegan's home in Kirkwood.

The chickens live in a coop that matches the 1922 Craftsman house.

"They've got a big old run," he said. "They've got a big old coop

right next to it that's painted to match my house. It's legit."

The backyard redo is among \$100,000 in renovations to the two-bedroom, two-bath bungalow, which will be on the Kirkwood Spring Fling and Tour of Homes today.

It will be McKeegan's first tour of homes.

"I put almost the entirety of last year into renovating this house," he said. "I'm just going to show it off."



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Residents: Andy McKeegan, a real estate agent for Keller Williams Realty Atlanta Intown

Location: Kirkwood, DeKalb County

Size: 1,200 square feet, two bedrooms, two baths

Year built and bought: 1922/2013

Architectural style: Craftsman bungalow

Favorite architectural elements: Cedar shake, clapboard siding, window muntins and original brick molding

Renovations: The \$100,000 in renovations span the interior, exterior and yard. The wall between the kitchen and dining room was removed, and the kitchen was completely renovated. The French doors were moved back to their original position (between the living room and dining room) and six original panel doors were refinished. Built-in bookcases were added around the living room fireplace, which was converted from coal to wood burning. The master bathroom makeover brought it back to its 1920s look with features such as an antique-style vanity. All of the original hardwood floors were refinished. Outside, he stripped off asbestos siding, redid the wood clapboard, painted the exterior, relandscaped the yard by removing concrete and built the chicken run and coop.

Contractor: Kara O'Brien Renovations

Favorite renovation: When McKeegan purchased the house, there was a step up into the kitchen. When the pine floors and underlying yellow linoleum were torn out, he found the original heart of pine floors. Instead of replacing them, he salvaged them and Kara O'Brien restored them. Throughout the renovation process, that was probably the most exciting "little discovery," he said.

Interior design style: Vintage country chic

Favorite piece of furniture: The 19th-century ice chest that is used as a bar.

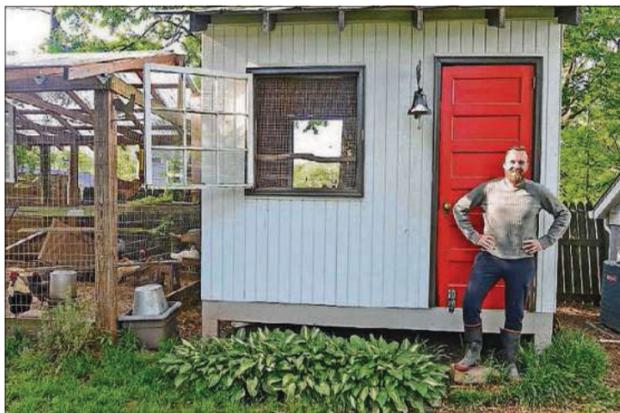
Favorite outdoor feature: The front porch

Resources: Appliances by Samsung and KitchenAid. Furniture from Kudzu Antiques + Modern. Paint by Sherwin-Williams.

Tip: When adding a backyard structure, like a chicken coop or shed, copy the house colors for a cohesive look. McKeegan used the same colors on the exterior of his home for his chicken coop. Both are white with matching red doors.



White curtains give a casual, breezy look to the front porch of Andy McKeegan's Kirkwood bungalow. He painted the ceiling haint blue, which is a Southern tradition, while bringing his vintage country chic design style outside in the furnishings and accessories. PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER OQUENDO/WWW.OPHOTOGRAPHY.COM



Andy McKeegan stands in front of his chicken coop in his backyard in Atlanta's Kirkwood neighborhood. McKeegan is a real estate agent for Keller Williams Realty Atlanta Intown.



A pair of antique French doors, found by Kara O'Brien Renovations, open into the dining room of Andy McKeegan's Craftsman-style home. McKeegan built the dining table out of lumber salvaged from an old cotton mill. A 19th-century ice chest serves as a bar.



The living room is Andy McKeegan's favorite renovated space in his 1922 Kirkwood home. "I had the fireplace and chimney restructured to burn wood as well as restoring the casement windows and building in the bookcases," he said. A pair of black chairs border the gray-painted brick fireplace. A Coca-Cola tin bucket rests on the fireplace hearth.



A pair of birch tree branches, a cow hide and a chicken throw pillow are among the country chic decor. Homeowner Andy McKeegan said the branches remind him of his family farm in Pennsylvania. "We have lots of birch trees up there," he said. He built the coffee table, which is made out of front porch flooring from a demolished farmhouse.



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