

# Cascade Lodge



1930's Main Lodge building gets updated with new ceilings, floors, wall finishes, bathroom fixtures, and guest room furniture. Over twelve weeks of hard work result in a space that is inviting, familiar, and fresh.

main lodge rooms remodel 2020

## MAIN LODGE... TRANSFORMED

Main Lodge of the Cascade property has been a North Shore landmark since 1939. The east wing was built with ten “modern, steam-heated rooms” and completed in late 1939.



West wing of the main lodge was completed in 1957. Throughout the years other changes were made to the lodge that make it a place that it is today. We hope to add to this rich and interesting history of the Cascade Main Lodge.





## WORK BEGINS

In late fall of 2019 we began our bathroom remodel. New flooring and fixtures were installed in the bathrooms. Project was scheduled for a 5 week duration, however due to the unforeseen challenges and an injury, the project was delayed by over two weeks. We were lucky in a sense that all of the materials were already delivered and assigned to each bathroom so that we were able to move forward with the project.



# NEW BATHROOMS





## **WORK STOPS, THEN CONTINUES**

After being closed for 53 days due to Coronavirus pandemic, we re-opened in May 2020 while very concerned about our property's future. Room remodel was placed on hold until July when we made a decision to go for it and order materials needed to begin work in the fall of 2020.





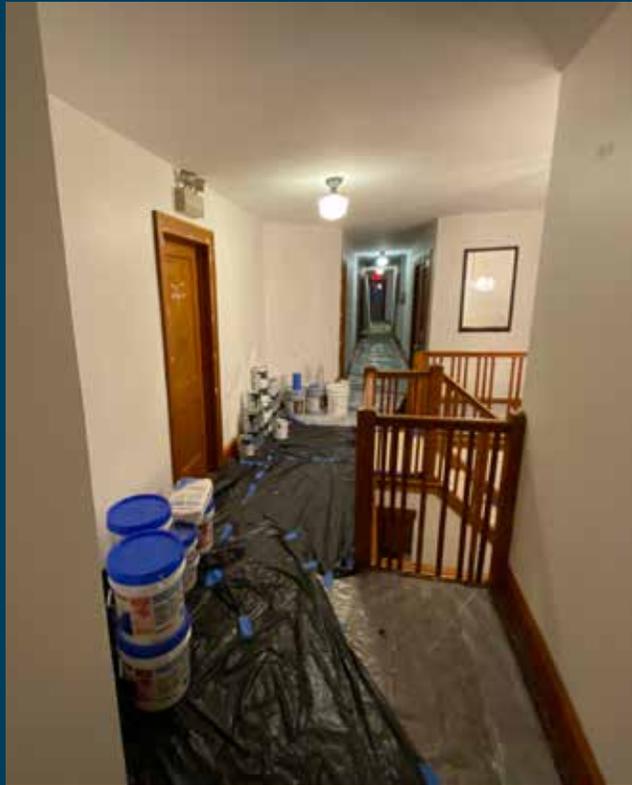
## I. THE SPACE...

We knew that some of the rooms had to have hardwood floors under the carpet, however when we took out the carpet, we discovered that only five of the twelve rooms had hardwood floors. Most of them were beyond refinishing, and also were missing large areas since the original tiny rooms were joined together to make larger rooms we have today.

## 2. AND THE FINISHES...

We decided to move forward with new flooring material which is a hard surface, non-slip, and more sanitary to maintain. We used commercial grade luxury vinyl plank in large format to complement the historic layout of the building.

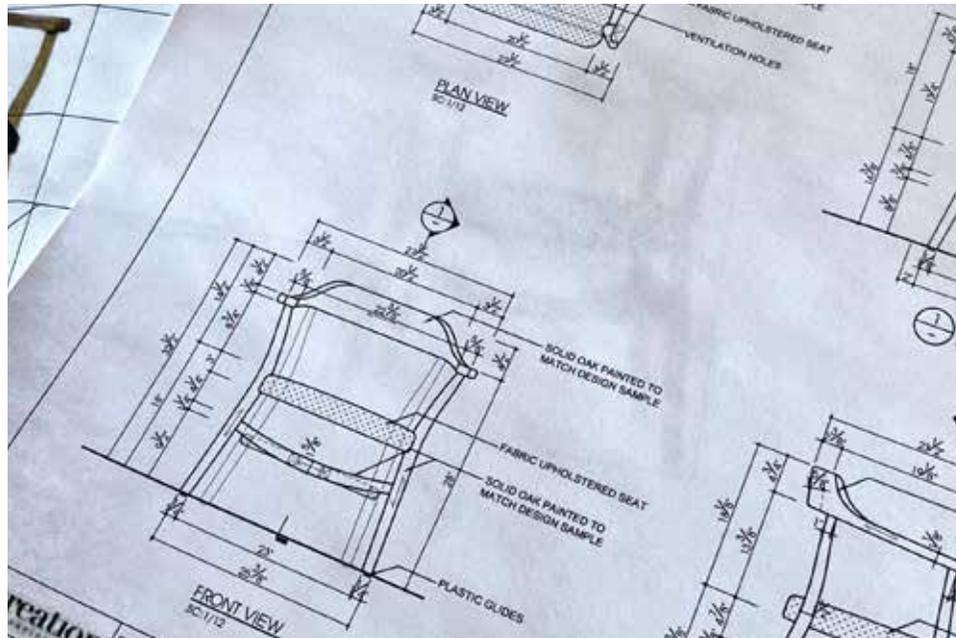




Windows were stripped of paint over the past few decades. We felt strongly about restoring the original beautiful wood windows, and after much consideration decided to paint the windows and trim in bright white paint, as this is how the windows look originally back in the day.

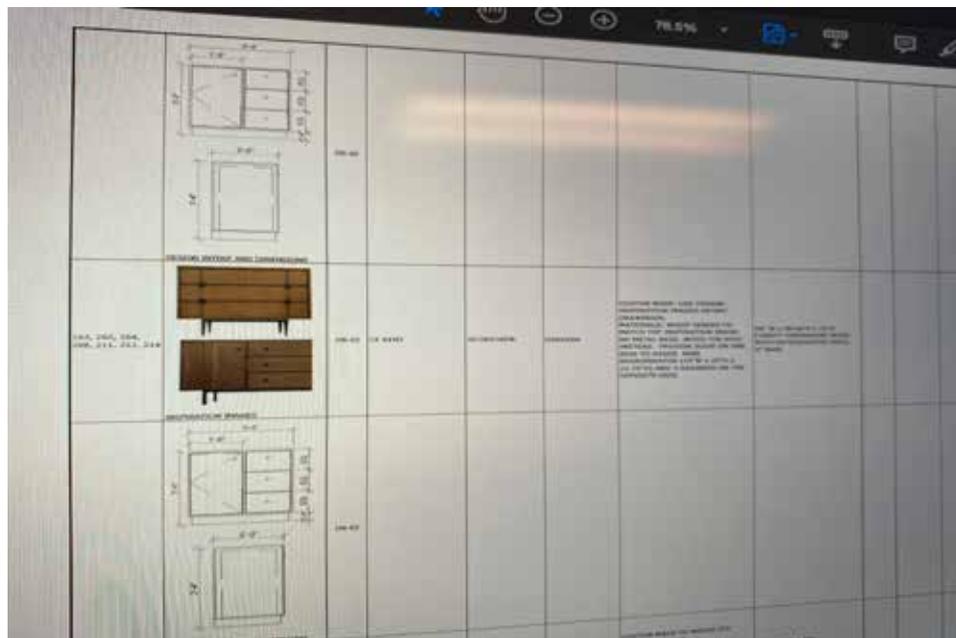
As with most historic buildings, there were no walls that were square and plumb. After looking into wall cladding, wallpaper, and other wall finishes, we decided to move forward with an old world style wall texture application. This wall texture fits the old building perfectly, as the application itself is rather organic and free-form looking.





## THE PLAN

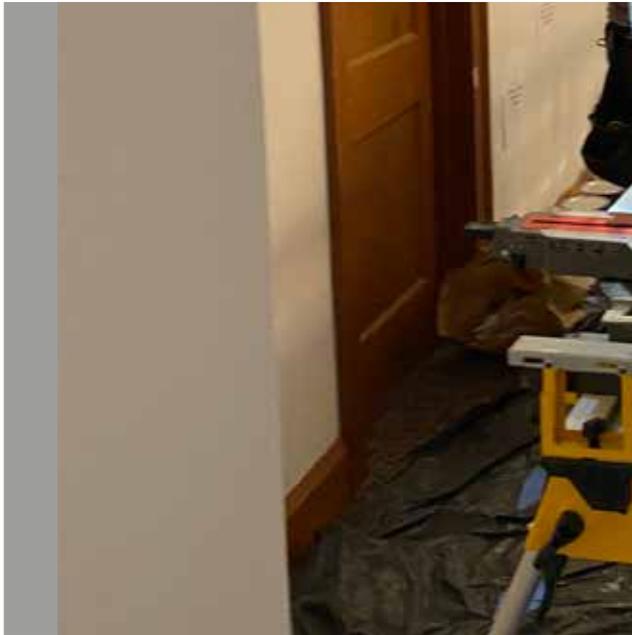
All of the furniture was custom built for our lodge rooms. We used oak and ash wood, and worked with a local interior designer to define the vision for the space. We were fortunate enough to partner up with a contract grade furniture manufacturer. Due to our small size of twelve rooms, it was very difficult to get commercial furniture businesses to take on our project. We were lucky to find a perfect partner who delivered our high quality furniture on time and on budget.





## THE ART

We were committed that all of the artwork for new rooms needed to be locally sourced and hand crafted. It needed not only to be pleasing to the eye, but also needed to tell the story of the location and the property. Grand Marais is well known as an art community, and fiber art has deep roots on the North Shore. We settled on fiber art and tree ring prints as main art objects for the rooms. Both, the fiber art pieces and the tree ring prints were hand made on the property. For the wood prints, we used pine and birch logs harvested on Cascade Lodge property .





## KEEPING THE GOOD

We made every attempt to preserve, restore, and re-use whatever items we could. Attention was given to original windows and trim, original guest room doors, glass door knobs, original brass room numbers, and brass window and door hinges. Old art worth saving was relocated from guest rooms to the common space area for everyone to enjoy, and old school light fixtures were left in place in the hallway. We also kept our custom Faribault Woolen Mills merino wool blankets.







# COMING TOGETHER

The weather was working with us! We had the best fall weather anyone could ask for. This made all the difference when project work was taking place outdoors, such as running of the different tools and saws, or unloading of the semi trailer full of our custom furniture.

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## THE FINISHES

Classic bright white walls and the deepest navy black tongue and groove wainscot were selected for simplicity and timeless look worthy of such an old and iconic lodge. Our goal was to walk a fine line between modern and traditional interior, which is anything but trendy.



## EARLY CELEBRATORY BEER BREAK





## HEAVY LIFTING

We couldn't have done it without help of our amazing crew. Our cooks were the ones who did lots of heavy lifting during demo and install of the furniture and fixtures.

Due to the COVID restrictions placed on restaurants during this time, we were able to provide work to our employees who would otherwise had to have been laid off.





## AIR FILTRATION

We decided that, due to the current pandemic, we had to step up our efforts to keep our guests and our housekeeping staff as safe as possible. We decided to invest into HEPA filter air purifiers and install them in all of our lodge rooms. During the sourcing phase, we decided to move forward with installing air purifiers not only in the main lodge, but in all of our resort units.



## FINAL TOUCHES

There were some really early mornings, and some late nights, but the rooms were coming along nicely and on time. We were thrilled to have rooms done on time, as any delays to the project would have meant that we would have to work through Christmas time.



## WOOD RING PRINTS

Inspired by the great art of Bryan Nash Gill, we created tree ring prints from trees felled on the property. We found beautiful pine and birch logs which we used to print on archival quality art paper. The response from our guests was so overwhelmingly positive that we will be making more prints this spring, which will then be available in our Cabin and Trail Provisions gift shop.





## GUEST COMFORT IN MIND...

Blackout curtains were installed in all of the rooms, while different lighting options allow for a layered, highly customizable atmosphere in the room.



# DETAILS





## FINAL BEFORE AND AFTER

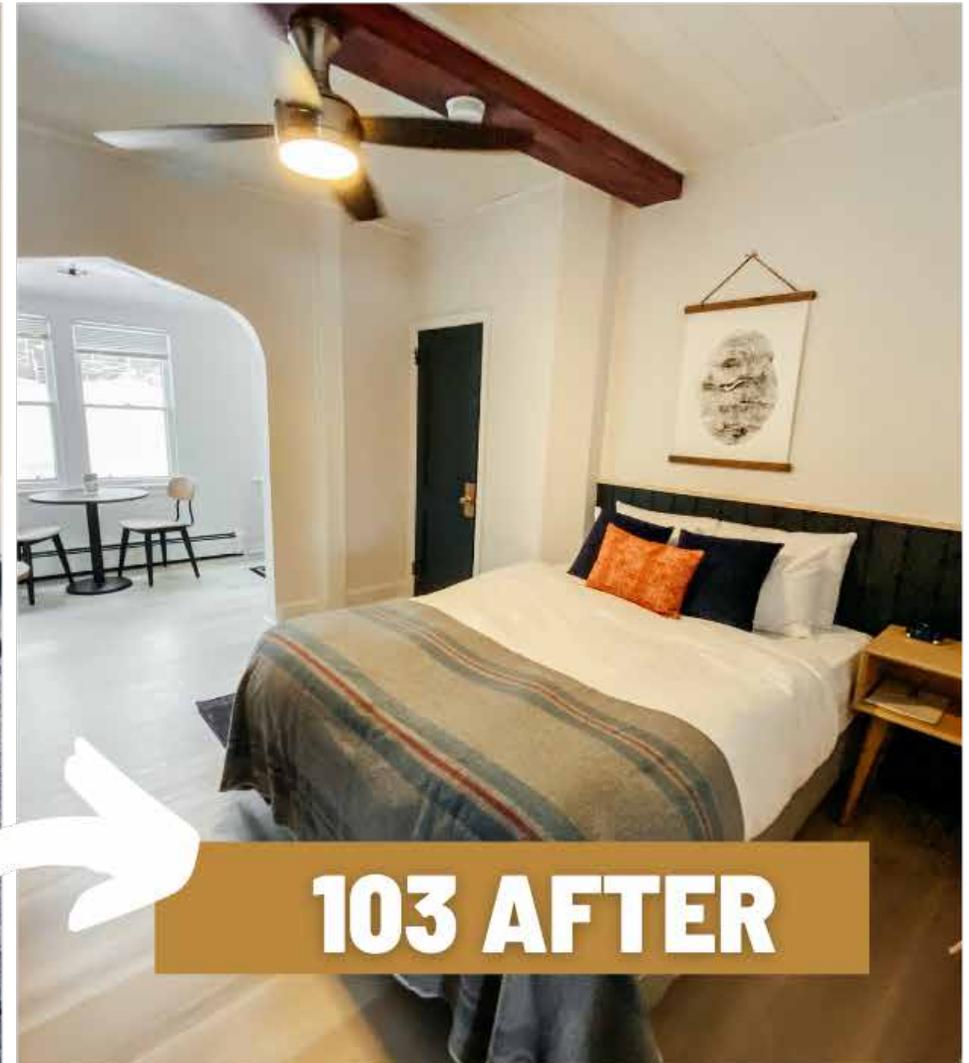


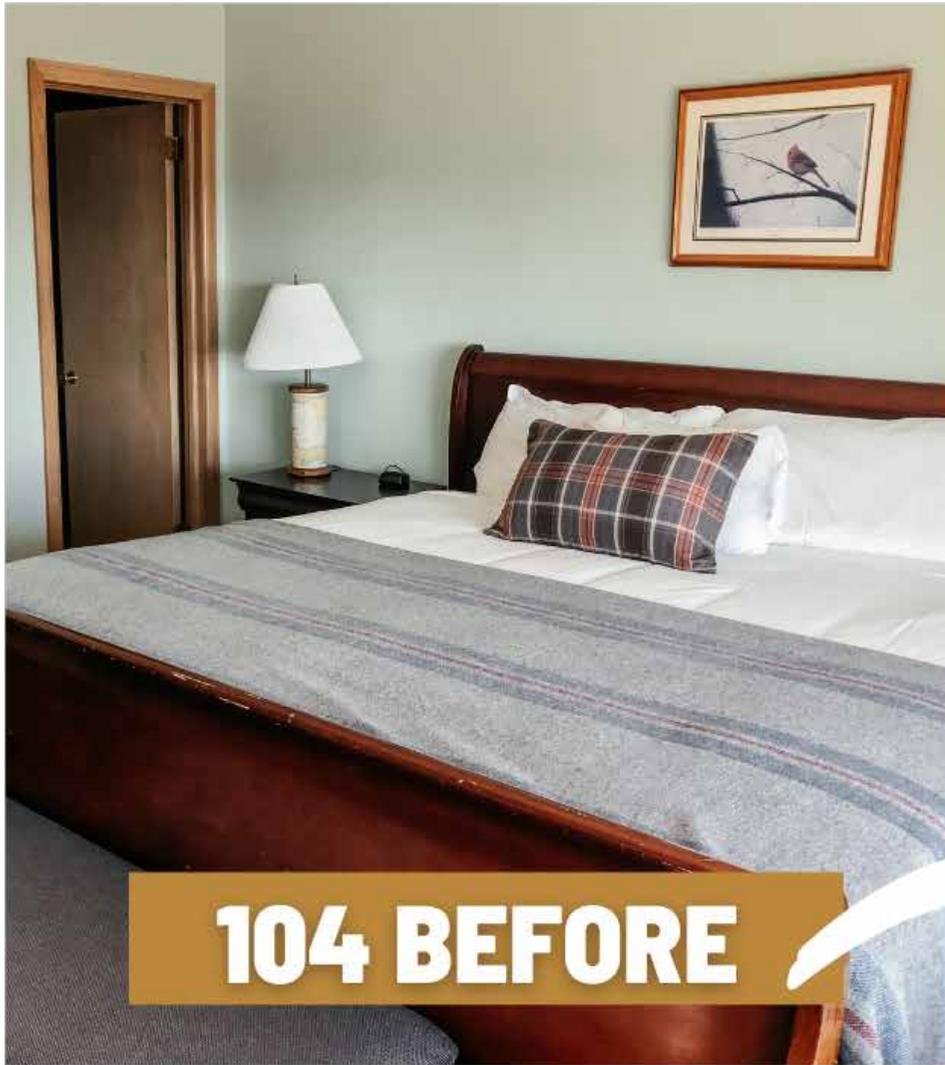


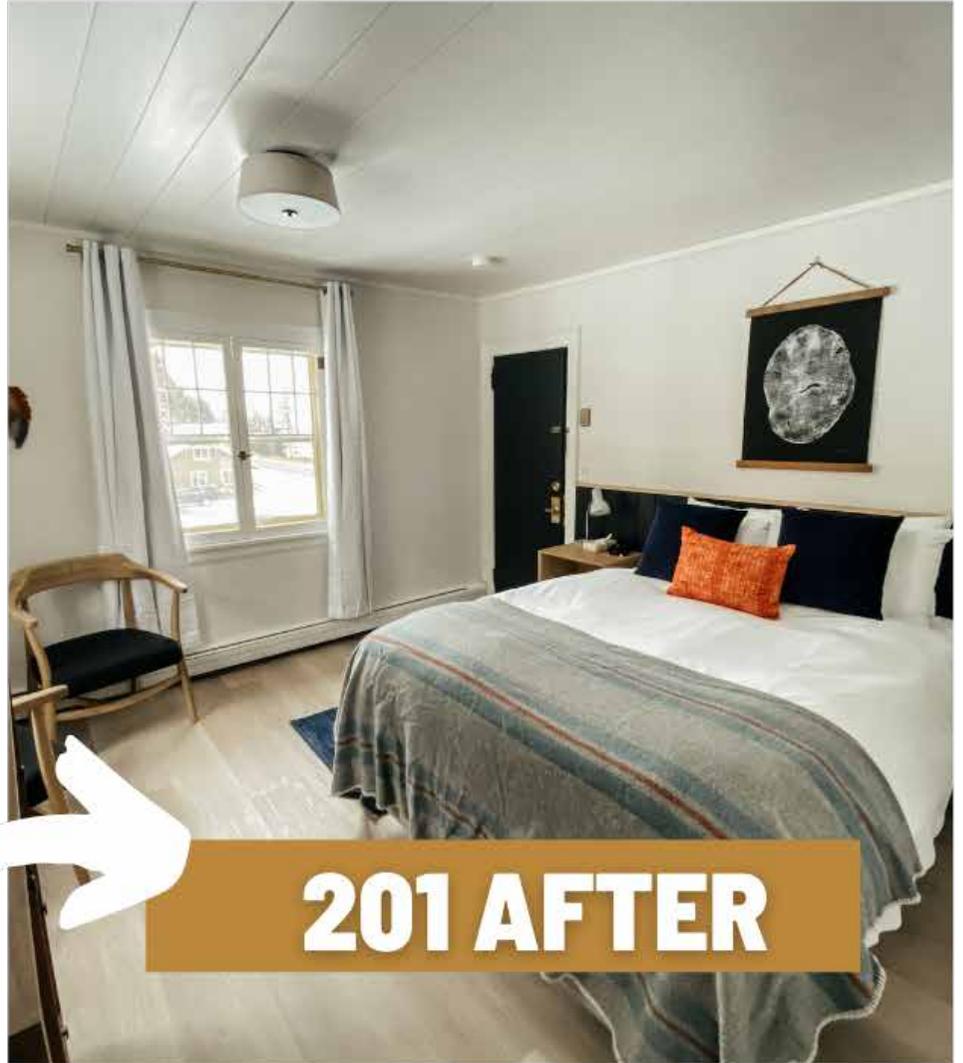
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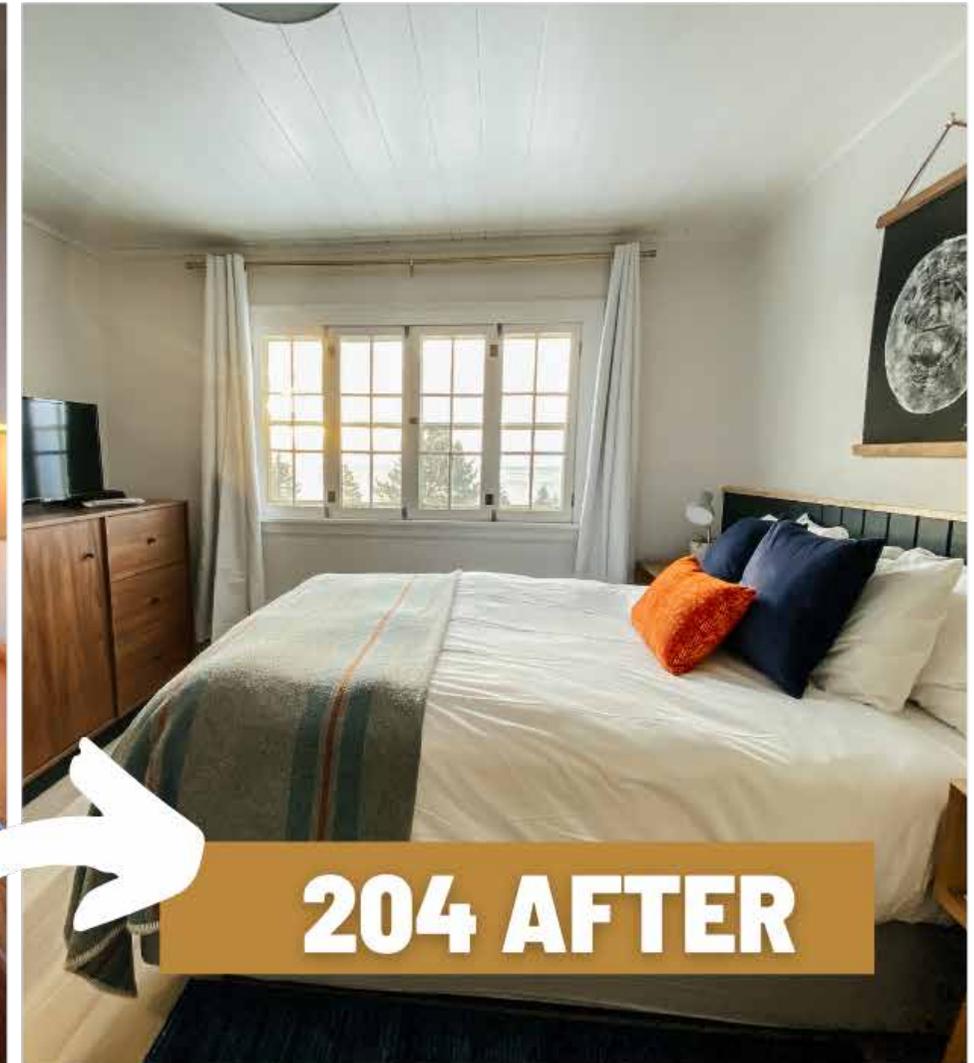


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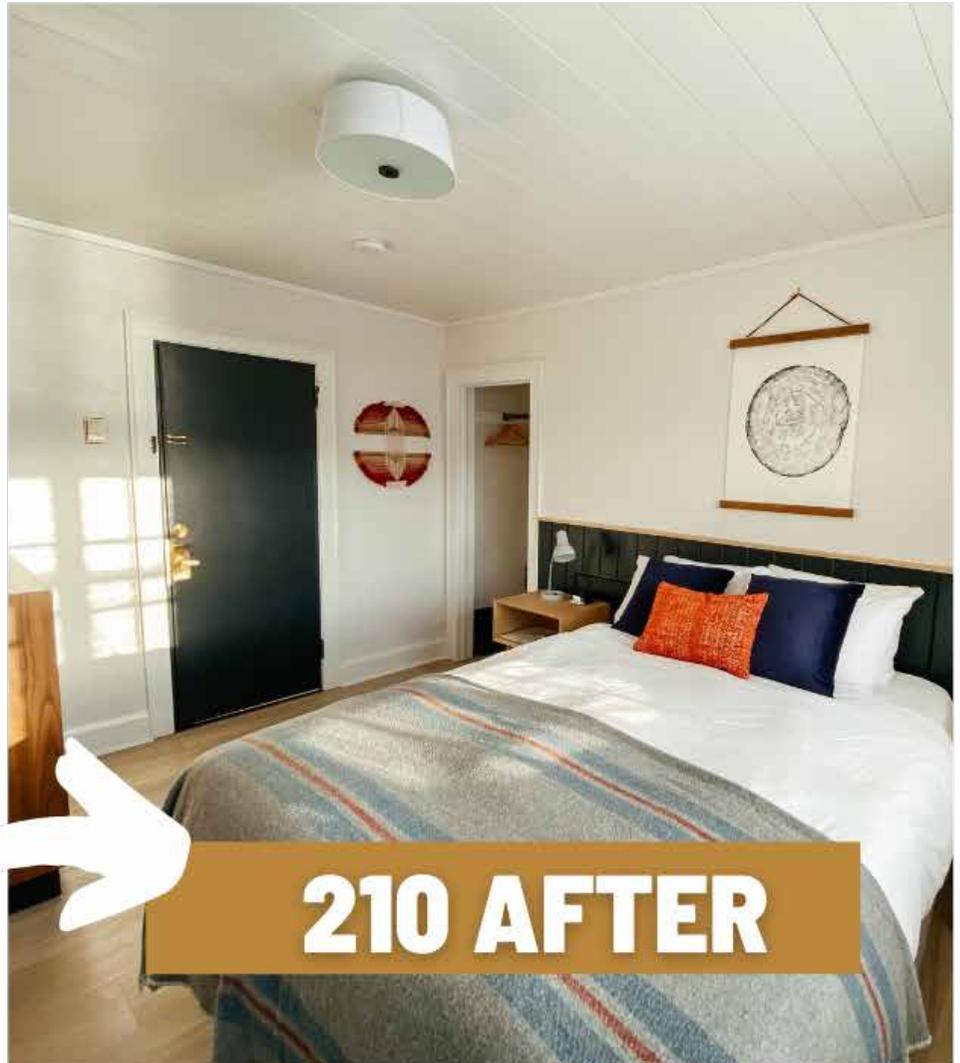
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