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ONE COUPLE LEARNS THAT HIGH-MINDED DESIGN AT A BUDGET-CONSCIOUS PRICE IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE

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It's common to assume that renovating a house will cost less than building from the ground up. After one adds up the price of purchasing a lot, hiring an architect and a contractor, sifting through city permitting and paying for anything else that comes along, the budget has soared past even the wildest expectations. Most people then resign themselves to buying an existing house and fixing it up.

But savvy architects are starting to buck that trend by incorporating low-

