



Leonard Residence

LOS ANGELES, CA

Situated in a valley in the hills of Santa Monica, the Leonard Residence process involved working closely with the clients and their family to transform a 1950's ranch style house with low ceilings, poor connection to the outdoors, and out of date finishes into an airy, light filled and contemporary home.

The design completely opened the public areas of the home to evoke a greater feeling of spaciousness and increased lightness by vaulting the ceiling of the existing structure. Oversized sliding doors were also introduced around the living, dining and kitchen areas for better connection to the outdoors. A custom teak cabinetry piece visually ties these spaces together and provides much needed storage space for this young family of four.

To counter the darkness of the original home and offer a counterpoint to its shady valley setting, large skylights and openings were introduced at key points in the structure. In the Kitchen, a slot was cut in the roof above the kitchen island to provide natural light at a central family gathering space. At the rear of the house adjacent to the living space, a large opening was inserted into the roof overhang so that light could flood into the primary living space throughout the day.

