

Owners' Statement

Cory-Merrill Off-Market Home



We believed that this house was going to be our long-term home for many reasons.

We loved that it was close to a great elementary and middle school and the neighborhood is filled with families. In fact one of our neighbors who we became fast friends with is a teacher at Cory!

The location in Cory Merrill really gives you the best of both worlds - easy access to Wash Park while still offering more privacy, space, and a larger backyard than you typically find in the Wash Park neighborhood. We also love being so close to Belcaro, which has become one of our favorite places to take morning walks as a family. Our doctor is also right around the corner and invites us over for pool days.

We often walk to Gaylord St to grab a coffee or over to our favorite dinner spot, NiTuyo across from Bonnie Brae ice cream. Having the children's store nearby on Louisiana is also incredibly convenient, whether we need to grab a quick gift or replace something our 14 month old has somehow already outgrown. A cute pilates place also just opened up on the same street.

The people in the neighborhood are incredibly welcoming - there are ice cream socials on our street during the warm months, kids playing in the back lane between our houses, and more.

In terms of the house itself, we loved the layout from the beginning, but wanted the house to feel completely like us. So we took on one major renovation, thoughtfully choosing everything from the finishes and materials to the way each room came together. We weren't renovating with resale in mind, we were creating the home we wanted to live in for a long time.

We wanted the home to be incredibly functional and make thoughtful use of every inch, which is why we incorporated things like the coffee bar, breakfast nook, and additional cabinet storage. At the same time, we had a lot of fun making it feel unique to us through more personal design choices - from conversation-starting wallpaper to the statement stone in the kitchen that became the centerpiece of the home.

The various outdoor spaces are some of our favorite places in the house. Many mornings start on the front porch with our son and a cup of coffee. The covered upstairs patio stays shaded throughout the day and has become a great spot to work or relax. We also put in a lot of thought (and calculations!) into creating shade throughout the backyard so it's comfortable and inviting throughout the year.

Then life shifted a little unexpectedly. My sisters started having kids in California, we had our first child, and before we knew it, we were spending more and more of our time traveling back and forth to be with family. At some point, we realized we were spending so much time in California that it made sense to make it home.

That's really the only reason we're leaving. We love Denver, this house and the neighborhood. It's a special home with a layout that works incredibly well, and we put a lot of thought and care into making it feel warm, comfortable, and unique.

It's bittersweet to leave a house we put so much of ourselves into, but we're excited to be closer to family and we hope the next owners will appreciate how much intention went into making this place feel like home.