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## JYOTI GHUGALE

Jyoti Ghugale, owner of the design-build firm Homes and Such, understands balancing the tapestry of her clients' lifestyles and the needs of their homes. "I encourage clients to understand that blending design styles is OK, and that actually gives depth to rooms and tells your story."

Ghugale was born and raised in India, where she would later attend architectural school and plant the first seeds of a future career in design. "At the school in India, I found a mentor who taught me that one's design is only as good as how well it is built. And this mentor inspired me to learn construction," she says. Ghugale's connection to construction is initially what brought her stateside to earn her master's in construction in 2006.

After brief stints in Houston, Mexico, England, and then Indianapolis, Ghugale and her family landed in Minneapolis, where she leveraged her corporate project management experience into launching her own design firm at the beginning of the pandemic. [homesandsuch.com](https://homesandsuch.com)

—Nicole Crowder

Jyoti Ghugale's monochromatic living room has depth with layers of textures that make it cozy.



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### Insta Crushes

Check out the people and places we're following in the home channel.

#### @roden.studio

A rotating selection of shoppable vintage finds, minimally presented.

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#### @katechipinski

Stylist and DIY-er who offers behind-the-scenes looks at her home.

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#### @petektradingco

Turkish products with a new storefront in St. Paul's Lowertown.

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#### @shophortaculture

A garden shop in Afton with finds for sustainable outdoor living.





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## Off-Grid Inn

As friends at the University of Minnesota, Danny Lindstrom and Duff Davidson never imagined that, years later, their first foray into cabin design and construction would become the most wish-listed Airbnb in Wisconsin. Or that their next cabin would go viral in an irreverent TikTok video and land in the July/August 2022 issue of *Dwell* magazine. Or that the fun would extend to a getaway now in the works farther from home, near Joshua Tree, California, where Lindstrom hopes to include a big cutout of Wile E. Coyote on one of its concrete walls. “We’re just trying to have fun and not be as serious as a lot of the architectural world takes itself,” he says. *offgrid.place* —Shawn Gilliam



• Danny Lindstrom (standing), Duff Davidson, and Eric Johnson (not pictured) make up the team that designed, built, and rents a pair of cabins (Unit 2 is shown) two hours from Minneapolis in Fall Creek, Wisconsin.

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## Renovation 911

Twin Cities locals Kirsten Meehan and Lindsey Uselding sat down with us to share the details of their forthcoming HGTV show, *Renovation 911*, airing early 2023.

### What can we expect on the show?

**Meehan & Uselding:** Eight one-hour episodes featuring more than 15 emergencies, ranging from small rooms to entire homes.

### What are your roles as hosts?

**M&U:** Lindsey takes all the emergency calls from homeowners, any time of day, to help them through unexpected, often devastating renovations from pipe bursts, fire damage, storms, you name it. She also manages the budget and advises on future prevention. Kirsten works on scheduling and design—99 percent of the time, people do use this as an opportunity to update their home—e.g., opting for a quartz countertop in their kitchen as opposed to the laminate one that was just destroyed. In the end, we are always there supporting each other every step of the way.

### How do we learn more now?

**M&U:** We’ve always wanted to come up with a way for people to have easy solutions to the problems we see over and over. Homeowners are constantly asking us, “How do we prevent this from happening again?” So, in addition to the show, we’re launching Practical Home ([practicalhome.com](http://practicalhome.com)), sharing the tricks of the trade we’ve learned over the years to help prevent disaster with an eye toward design.

### What’s an example of the types of pro tips you’ll share?

**M&U:** Drain clogs from hair! It’s in sinks, showers, everywhere. It’s a real problem when it comes to plumbing. But there’s a few things you could do (alert: liquid solutions are not the answer; they often make the situation worse!): Drain covers are an easy preventative move, or hair snakes if the situation has gotten bad and you need to unclog your drain. The snakes are a little intimidating, but we’ll be showing videos about how easy and inexpensive it is to prevent something worse from happening on your own. —Stephanie Opitz Lanford



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