

Swan Architecture

ESTABLISHED: 2009
 CITY AND BUILDING: Minneapolis' International Market Square
 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 4
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Residential architect Andrea Swan, AIA, leads a small design firm that's big on creative energy

AREA OF SPECIALTY: Single-family residential. **DESCRIBE YOUR STUDIO SPACE IN 140 CHARACTERS OR LESS:** #Warm #comfortable and conducive to creative thinking. **AVERAGE DECIBEL LEVEL:** Moderate, unless our Sonos player is cranking Katy Perry or Pink, or interior designer/professional opera singer Lola Watson is singing one floor up. **RECENT BRUSH WITH CELEBRITY:** I saw KARE 11's Eric Perkins at the Good Life at Liberty Beach, a client's restaurant on Lake Mille Lacs. If you go, try the Parmesan-crusted walleye—and mention Swan Architecture for a complimentary cocktail. **PAST PROJECT YOU LIKE TO DRIVE BY THE MOST:** Lately it's a recent remodel and addition on Lake of the Isles. Architect C.A. Boehme designed the 1915 home for Avin Gluek of the brewery family. **MOST INTERESTING STAFF EXTRACURRICULAR:** Constance sings in the Basilica Choir. **FAVORITE APP:** It's become mainstream in our profession, but I still enjoy Houzz. **THE BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION ABOUT ARCHITECTURE:** That it's easy. Or that it can be accomplished in less time. Nothing good, or well planned, can cut corners. **LAST TIME YOU DREW ON A NAPKIN:** Yesterday. **MINNESOTA HOUSE YOU WISH YOU HAD DESIGNED:** I very much admire the Dayton House, designed by VJAA. I got a tour last year, and it really inspired me to continue excelling in my craft.

Andrea Swan (center) pages through design ideas with James Arentson, AIA, and Constance Chen, Assoc. AIA, at the studio's center table.

