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What Diana and Todd Franklin thought would take two years to repair actually took 11

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When Diana and Todd Franklin bought the Queen Anne home at 1682 Hampshire, the couple knew they had a "decorating emergency" on their hands.

The Franklins were prepared to tear out the char- treuse shag carpeting, strip

the orange fireplace, redo some floors and add some wallpaper.

Howev- er, the house had

Looking back, they laugh about the chaos and the mess.

"Our son used the dining room for hockey practice because it was so torn up," said Diana.

They mark the years based on what calamity occurred:

- "There was the year the walls fell when we took down the wood trim."

- "That was the year the ceiling collapsed in the fami- ly room."

- "That was the year that the staircase sank four inches."

The Franklins remember how one project would mush- room into another. When they

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