

# Building & Remodeling Tips

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## This Home Takes a 180-Degree Turn

The location of the original home was perfect—in a nice neighborhood with breath-taking panoramic views. Unfortunately, the forty-four year old home was a single story building. The only way to enjoy the scenery was to climb on to the roof! It also lacked enough space for this active family of four, which included two children, ages 8 and 4.

So, rather than move, the homeowners opted to tear the house down to the subfloor and modify the foundation to support a two-story structure.

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*There is plentiful space in the bright and airy kitchen for friends and family to gather.*

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## In The Grand Tradition

Already the parents of two active children, Drs. Bill & Courtney Adams found out they were expecting twins! The Drs. Adams decided now was the perfect time to build the two-story addition they had been planning for their home. The new 1,950 square foot addition would give them an elegant new master suite with the luxury and privacy they wanted plus a pool room and den on the first floor.

The experienced craftsmen of **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** took particular care in matching the existing home's exterior details such as the brick, roofing, masonry detailing, and existing architectural trim. It is difficult to tell which part is the original house and which part is the addition.

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## This Home Takes a 180-Degree Turn

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This practically new home was built in the Cape Cod style, with an all-shingle exterior and white painted trim. The home has three bedrooms and a den/office downstairs, while the kitchen/great room and family room are upstairs. Now, the family is enjoying the extra room to spread out, and they delight in the spectacular views from the great room.

The home has an open, spacious feeling with cathedral ceilings highlighted by exposed trusses. The clients have excellent tastes and chose warm, vibrant colors to paint the walls.

The kitchen and great room feature beautiful wide-plank mahogany flooring. Easy maintenance stainless steel kitchen appliances and painted cabi-

netry not only look great, but also reflect the natural light. The pre-cast concrete countertops are infused with pigment giving them the color of brown sugar. Set in an attractive running bond pattern, the tile backsplash lends an old fashioned aura to the kitchen.

The wine bar includes a wine chiller and overhead storage for bottles and glasses. A mahogany countertop is a very classy touch.

The cozy breakfast nook has built-in seating with storage beneath. Tall casement windows allow plenty of light in which to enjoy a cup of coffee with the morning paper. The ceiling over the nook has whitewashed pine boards attached to the hip rafters. A colonial style light fixture suspended over the breakfast table finishes the space with old world charm.

The owners love their new home, which exudes a sophisticated air, yet is comfortable and welcoming. An added benefit of staying in the neighborhood is that they have turned the adjoining lot, which they own, into a park for their children. □



Here's an inviting atmosphere in which to begin the day.

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## FLOORING TRENDS: Natural Linoleum

Believe it or not, what was once old and out-of-fashion is now a hot new item: natural linoleum flooring. With the ever-increasing interest in environmentally friendly products, linoleum is making a big comeback in the residential market.

Linoleum has come a long way since the 1960s, when the formerly drab material disappeared from homes with the advent of easy-care vinyl. As consumers are becoming familiar with the benefits of linoleum, they are also discovering the beauty and design possibilities of today's product.

Manufacturers are now offering an extensive palette of bright, new, bold colors as well as neutrals and softer hues. Linoleum is available in sheets or tiles, as well as standard inset geometric shapes, corners and fanciful borders. Installers may also create visually striking custom floor patterns on site. Imaginations can run wild!



Three different shades of green are arranged into a subtle pattern in this attractive linoleum floor.

Made from natural, renewable, biodegradable ingredients—linseed oil, resins, cork powder, wood flour, ground limestone, mineral pigments and a jute backing — linoleum is free of lead, formaldehyde, chlorine and solvents. Its antistatic properties repel dust and dust mites and its antibacterial properties prevent microorganisms from multiplying. When installed with solvent-free adhesives, there are no harmful air pollutants emitted.

Some manufacturers suggest cleaning linoleum simply by vacuuming or sweeping. Others suggest using neutral detergents and only a small amount of water. Either way, some type of floor polish is usually recommended to keep stains and dirt from penetrating the surface. Minor burns or scratches can be buffed out of the floor with a soft nylon cleaning pad. □

Photo: Courtesy of Armstrong - www.armstrong.com



## Bringing Your Kitchen Outdoors

One of the many delights of a warm, sunny day or a beautiful, balmy evening can be a back yard cookout. With family and friends gathered around, nothing tastes better than food cooked outside. It has become an American tradition, and one that is steadily gaining in popularity. In years past, the equipment available for outdoor cooking was usually limited to a portable charcoal grill and a picnic table. Homeowners today can outfit an entire permanent outdoor kitchen, which along with a gas grill, may include a rotisserie, side burners, a sink, refrigerator, ice maker, warming drawers, wok/cooker, smoker, beverage dispenser, wine cooler and plenty of cabinets and counter space for food preparation.

When planning an outdoor kitchen, one of the first questions to consider is how you will use the space. If you simply want to grill steaks every couple of weekends, your kitchen could be less elaborate. However, if you plan on being in your outdoor kitchen whenever the weather is cooperative, you will want to include all the conveniences of your indoor kitchen.

The location is also important. You may find it most advantageous to build an outdoor kitchen close to your home, either alongside an exterior wall or in a back yard patio. This way, if you need to

run inside your house to grab another roll of paper towels or a missing utensil, you won't have far to go. However, another favorite spot for an outdoor kitchen is beside a swimming pool or in a garden. In this case you may decide that shortening the distance from your outdoor kitchen to your house is not the top priority.

Outdoor appliances come as freestanding units or they can be dropped into your own specially designed island base, which includes built-in storage. The appliances are usually constructed of stainless steel, and the island bases of a non-combustible material, such as steel, brick, stone or concrete. Tile makes a wonderful all-weather countertop material.

Whatever equipment you choose, make sure that the materials are designed to withstand outdoor use and meet established safety standards. A heavy-duty

custom-made cover for the outdoor kitchen will protect the appliances when not in use.

Finally, to complete your outdoor kitchen, do not forget comfortable chairs and a table, perhaps an umbrella or two, or an overhead trellis to provide shade as you devour the delicious barbeque. Suddenly, you have gained a wonderful new "room" to your home that will provide many hours of leisurely, fun-filled enjoyment. □



*A back yard patio provides the perfect spot to practice your latest barbequing techniques.*

Photo: Courtesy of KitchenAid - www.kitchenaid.com

*After a dip in the pool, refreshments are only a step away.*



Photo: Courtesy of Viking Range Corporation - www.vikingrange.com



## In the Grand Tradition

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The front entry was changed from a lackluster single door with simple side-lights and transom to a handsome Georgian style portico. Complete with massive columns and topped with a porch and white railing, the new entrance is grand and inviting.



Inside, the pool room is an expansive area for recreation and relaxation. With its high ceilings and hardwood floors, this room is painted a deep brick red giving it a happy, playful feeling. There is a copper roofed bay window on one side of the room and, at the far end of the room, an 18 foot wide bay window/wall that overlooks the lush landscaping. In the new den, also with a high ceiling and hardwood floors, is a new wood burning fireplace. All the trim (baseboards, crown molding, fireplace mantle and trim) matches the woodwork in the original house. A copper roofed bay window overlooks the front lawn. Entry to both the pool room and the den is through round top doorways. Closed, the doors give the appearance of one solid piece of oak. In reality, they are split doors which give a winged effect to the doorways when open.

The new 950 square foot second floor master suite is a luxurious dream-come-true. One side of the 18 x 24 bedroom area, with its tray ceiling, is an 18 foot wide bay window/wall overlooking

the manicured grounds and the forest beyond. In the master bath is a steam shower with built-in bench and glass door that is done in an artful blend of cream and terra cotta ceramic tile. There are also his 'n hers sinks, a whirlpool tub, a 10 x 11 walk-in closet, and, just off the master suite, a stairway leading to a walk-up attic for additional storage.

When asked about her new addition, Courtney Adams said "Thank you so much for a first-class job. Our new addition is absolutely wonderful. It gives Bill and me much needed 'adult space' away from all the hustle and bustle of a busy family. Everyone at **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** was terrific to work with. Your professionalism, attention to detail, and craftsmanship far exceeded our expectations. This really was a great experience."

Whatever your needs—whether it's more room or you just want what you have to work better—call us at **784-0012** and let the professional in-house design team and skilled craftsmen at **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** create an exciting solution designed specifically to meet your needs. □



*Above—The pool room gives the family, from the youngest to the oldest, plenty of room to play.*

*Left—The gracious den provides a much-needed adult retreat.*

## Lane Homes & Remodeling Receives NKBA Design Award

**Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** received an award for excellence in kitchen design in the recent National Kitchen and Bath Association's (NKBA) state design competition. Shelly and Curtis Wiltshire, the proud homeowners, said "Like most families, everyone seems to wind up in the kitchen. It used to be a closed and isolated place; now the kitchen is open and warm and welcoming." For additional information and pictures of other exciting projects, we invite you to check out our website: [www.LaneBuilt.com](http://www.LaneBuilt.com).