

**LANE HOMES  
& REMODELING, INC.**

Celebrating our 20th Year!

Courtesy of Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.  
Virginia Class A Contractor 2701029125A



The Morceau collection of faucets is well suited for this bathroom, with its simple lines and progressive style.

**A MODERN OASIS**

Whether your preference is for a sleek minimalist design, or a traditional Old World look, today's bathrooms are all about luxury and elegance. Bathrooms are ever increasing in size and amenities, offering a spa-like atmosphere for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Photo: Courtesy of Bach Faucets - www.bachfaucet.com

(continued on page 2)

A Modern Oasis

Big, Bold, Beautiful

Take the Chill Off

Cast in a New Light

IN THIS ISSUE

**BIG, BOLD,  
BEAUTIFUL**

Tim & Anne Beane's large family enjoys being together in the kitchen. Usually there are at least two or three people cooking while, at the same time, there may be someone doing homework, someone else grabbing a quick snack, and others just stopping in for a chat. However, their old kitchen just didn't have the space or traffic flow to accommodate everyone. The Beane's turned to the design team at **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** for a creative solution to their overcrowding problem.

continued on page 4



Large showers with clear, frameless glass enclosures take center stage. Design trends also include flush thresholds and walk-in entrances without moveable doors. Shower interiors are covered in tile, stone or solid surface. Tiny glass mosaic tiles give a contemporary look. Built-in benches, as well as niches for toiletries, come in handy. Multiple body sprays, hand-held showerheads, and rain showerheads relax the body, with steam showers providing an additional way to ease tension.

The hottest item in bathtubs these days is a therapeutic air massage tub that allows for the use of essential oils, sea salts and mud. Units are available with chromotherapy options.

Following the trend in kitchens, bathroom cabinetry has the furniture look. Designers are adding a sink to an elegant piece of traditional furniture to create the vanity. The exposed legs and decorative hardware add charm to the surroundings. A contemporary vanity with pure, clean lines may also be free-standing, or may be supported on the wall 9"-12" above the floor. Vanity tops and countertops are usually solid surface, stone or tile, with



The Allemande collection of faucets is at home in this elegant bathroom.

glass, concrete and laminate as unique options. His-and-hers vanities have become important. Kitchen warming drawers installed in bathroom cabinets provide warm and cozy bath towels.

Pedestal, undermount, and vessel lavatories have all gained ground over the traditional drop-in lavatory. They are available in an abundant and colorful variety, from glass to ceramic, to stone or metal.

Antique nickel and oil-rubbed bronze finishes are in high style for lavatory faucets and

other bath accessories, but chrome and brushed chrome are still popular as well.

Floors are usually tile or stone; however, plastic laminate, wood, and even concrete are emerging as new trends. Radiant heat is placed under a bathroom floor to provide a warm and inviting feeling as you step out of the shower.

To complete the sense of luxury, audio/video systems are installed in today's bathrooms. Nothing can create a serene environment like soft, gentle music caressing the bather. □

## Take The Chill Off

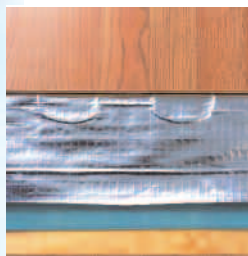
Your luxury bathroom may envelope you in all the sumptuous comforts of a high-class spa—until you step out of the shower onto the

stone or tile floor. Suddenly the aromatic candles and ambient music are offset by the uncomfortable jolt of cold feet. Adding radiant floor heating to the bathroom and other rooms of your house is a wonderful solution to chilly floors.

Basically, two types of radiant floor heating systems are used. A hydronic system involves running hot water through plastic tubing installed under the floor. Hydronic systems require equipment such as pumps, radiators and boilers powered by gas, oil, electricity or solar energy. Hot water radiant is considered a good choice for heating spaces of 500 square feet or more.

An electric system uses a network of cables installed in the mortar just below the tile or stone. These cables operate on ordinary house current. For installation purposes, several manufacturers sew the cable to a mesh backing that is sold in a roll. Or they embed the cables in durable material to form electric mats. Some are specially designed for use under floating wood floors and carpeting. Electric systems are great for heating small rooms like kitchens, bathrooms and four-season sunrooms.

Either type of floor heating system can be controlled by programmable thermostats with setback features to ensure that the floor is being heated only when the room is being used. Radiant heating systems may result in lower heating bills when compared to forced air systems. They allow for more even heat distribution and do not transport dust throughout your home. In addition, they are quiet in operation and aesthetically pleasing. □



The Enviro II heating system's ultra slim design allows it to be installed between a floating wood floor and the subfloor.

## Cast In A New Light

According to the National Association of Home Builders' "Housing Facts, Figures and Trends 2004," stainless steel is the material of choice for 57 percent of the kitchen sinks installed in single-family homes. However, that fashionable stainless steel look is rather cool and reserved. For people who want a different feeling—something more expressive and emotional—beautiful, shiny enamel-coated cast iron is once again in vogue.

The cast iron colors are richer, warmer and more evocative than stainless steel. The neutral shades, in particular, blend harmoniously with the natural materials of most countertops being installed today, such as natural stone, quartz surfacing, butcher block and concrete. These elegant countertop materials are shown to their best advantage by the use of an undermount sink. This type of sink produces a cross-section view of the countertop material, emphasizing its depth and refinement. Because the cast iron sinks are heavier than stainless steel, an undermount style may require extra support. Other cast iron sinks are available in self-rimming as well as tile-in styles.



Photos: Courtesy of Kohler Co. – www.KOHLER.com

In terms of design, cast iron sinks come in every flavor—from a contemporary offset double-basin sink to an apron fronted sink reminiscent of the rustic farm house sinks from the 19th century. A small undermount sink can be used separately as an individual bar sink, or can be arranged with others in a multiple sink configuration, taking the place of a triple-basin sink.

*Clarity cast iron under-counter kitchen sink in Thunder Grey—a new color introduced by Kohler in 2004.*

An enamel-coated cast iron sink is very durable and, when properly maintained, should last a lifetime. Staining materials should not be left in contact with the enamel surface for long periods. Rinse

thoroughly after each use and wipe with a soft cloth. Cast iron will not scratch and chip easily, but it can happen. Use a scrub-free cleanser or a mild detergent. Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive pads and cleaners. □



Photos: Courtesy of NUHEAT – www.nuheat.com

*The tile installer bonds a NUHEAT heating mat to the subfloor with thinset before laying the tile.*



*A graceful interlacing pattern, reminiscent of 17th century French lace from the renowned city of Alençon, is etched into the apron front of the Dickinson single-basin cast iron kitchen sink by Kohler.*



tile backsplashes highlight both the arched cooktop area and the large hutch.

Anne Beane expressed her satisfaction this way, "Our primary goal was to design a kitchen that could comfortably accommodate our large family, as well as the family-oriented entertaining that we love to do. **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.**, in consultation with interior designer Carol Pipes, met with us to ascertain our needs and desires and then designed a unique kitchen that has proven to meet all our expectations.

The actual construction process was much easier than we had anticipated and the quality of the work has been superior. Working with the employees of **Lane** was pleasant

and throughout the construction period our concerns and multiple changes were handled in a timely, professional manner."

At **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** we work closely with our clients to create their own perfect solution. Our in-house design team has the talent and creativity to give you that unexpected "Wow" factor along with the function you need. Let the experi-

enced in-house design team and skilled craftsmen at **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** go to work for you—call us at 784-0012 for your initial design consultation.

We also encourage your visit to our website, [www.LaneBuilt.com](http://www.LaneBuilt.com), to see additional examples of completed projects and learn more about the Design/Build process. □

### Big, Bold, Beautiful

(continued from page 1)

Their wish list was long—easy access to the outside, child friendly, lots of storage space for dishes and glassware, an informal eating area, a desk and work area for a computer and children's school supplies, light colored cabinetry but NOT white, a mud room/transition area between the garage and kitchen, an area for cook books, and room for the whole family—just to name a few.

**Lane's** talented in-house design team took up the challenge and designed a wonderful new kitchen that makes two powerful statements: "Wow!" and "Let's cook!"

By bumping out the exterior wall additional square footage was gained that allowed the creation of a large casual dining area with an expansive wall of windows and double French doors leading out onto the terrace. This sunny new space with its large harvest table is the perfect spot for family meals as well as all those special activities families enjoy.

A portion of the original brick exterior wall was retained to complement the expansive brick wall and arch over the new stainless steel gas cooktop and pot-filler faucet. Notice the matching brick arch in the island. Maple cabinets in lemonade yellow bring a soft warmth to the room and bun feet give several of the cabinets the feel of freestanding furniture. Matching lemonade panels disguise a large double-door refrigerator.

The large island with its Blue Pearl granite countertop is perfectly sized to provide multiple workstations as well as space for family and friends to sit and chat with the cooks. Custom

