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## Buffer Zone

When you purchased your home, did you evaluate the layout carefully to make sure there was an adequate area for transitioning between the outside and inside? Few homeowners do. They may fall in love with a beautiful kitchen island, not realizing the island will soon be cluttered with backpacks and jackets if there is no specific place to hang them up.

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## Grand Kitchen Remodel

A remodeled kitchen with an addition and a new patio were on the wish list of the Groh Family for their colonial home. Their old kitchen was dark, outdated, lacked functionality and space. To fulfill their dreams we began the project by enlarging the kitchen. We removed an exterior wall and installed a 25' I-beam, allowing for a seamless addition to the existing space. We also opened the kitchen to the foyer, dining and family rooms. This provides great flow for entertaining. New semi custom Decora cabinets were chosen in Maple Suede for the primary cabinetry and rich Cobblestone for the range hood and magnificent

island. The floors were refinished in a natural wood color with a high traffic finish.

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# Buffer Zone

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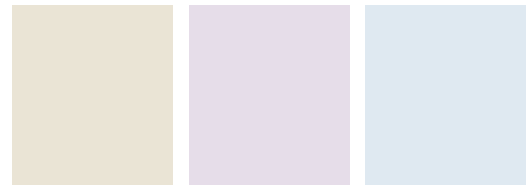


When the design of your home's entrance leads directly from the outside or from the garage into your kitchen, scenarios like this are bound to happen.

The solution is to create a mudroom— basically a buffer zone for all the miscellaneous items and activities you would like to keep out of the kitchen and the rest of the house. The first step is to analyze your lifestyle and determine what you expect your mudroom to do for you: it can serve a variety of purposes, from laundry room, to sports locker, to pet palace. Here are some possibilities to consider:

- ▣ Provide storage for items you only use outside your home, such as umbrellas, keys, boots and sports equipment. Use a combination of lockers, cubbies, cabinets, baskets and hooks to accommodate an assortment of different items.
- ▣ Furnish built-in seating or a bench for ease in removing shoes or boots.
- ▣ Include a docking station for recharging cell phones, tablets and MP3 players.
- ▣ Install a sink or a small shower where muddy paws or soccer cleats may be hosed off.

- ▣ Create a laundry center with washer and dryer so that soiled clothing need not be brought into the home.
- ▣ Store your cleaning supplies and vacuum cleaner in a locked cabinet in the mudroom where they will be out of the way, yet handy when needed.
- ▣ Set aside a portion of the mudroom for your pets' food dishes and supplies.
- ▣ Locate your recycling center in the mudroom. It can be a more convenient place than your kitchen to store the bins and sort your recyclables.
- ▣ Select a durable, low-maintenance product for your mudroom floor. The dirt and water that make their way into your home can damage wood and laminate floors. Good choices for flooring are porcelain tile, linoleum or concrete with a texture that provides grip.
- ▣ Incorporate sufficient lighting to illuminate your tasks, while making use of windows or skylights to bring in natural light.



## DECIBEL LEVELS

Zephyr has introduced some incredible new technology in their Next Generation Europa Collection of range hoods. These hoods are equipped with Zephyr's new DCBL (pronounced DeCiBel) Suppression System that includes: a direct current brushless motor, Bloom HD LED bulbs and a sophisticated, onboard computer system.

According to the company, DCBL benefits homeowners several ways:

- **More Powerful** – Provides 30 percent more CFMs (cubic feet per minute) at working speed levels, where it really matters most.

## DECIBEL LEVELS

- **Increased Energy Efficiency** – Reduces a range hood's energy consumption by up to 77 percent versus similar range hoods.
- **Ultra-Quiet** – Reduces sound 77 percent to nearly inaudible levels, affording tranquility to the kitchen.
- **LED Technology** – Distributes light evenly over cook-top; dimmable to set the mood. LED bulbs come with a 25,000-hour life.





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Moen offers a stylish grab bar with an integrated towel bar.

Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? Here is one to consider: According to the Home Safety Council, the top three home-related injuries resulting in medical visits and even deaths every year are: #1) falls, #2) poisonings, and #3) fires and burns. Many of these accidents happen in the bathroom. Why not resolve in 2012 to complete home updates that will help keep you and your loved ones safe while in the bathroom?

### Fight Against Falls

Did you know that a person who lives to be 75 years old will have spent an average of 1.5 years in the bathroom? That's why it is essential that this highly-used room be as safe as possible. Grab bars are an easy and effective solution for avoiding falls, and they no longer need to have an institutional appearance.

A comfort height toilet offers a toilet seat at the same height as a standard chair, ensuring maximum comfort and ease when you are sitting down or standing up.

An LED light-sensor nightlight in the bathroom—or in the hall outside the bathroom—provides a well-lit path for nighttime visits to the restroom. The nightlight automatically turns on at night and off during the day. The illumination will help you avoid any potential tripping hazards in your path.



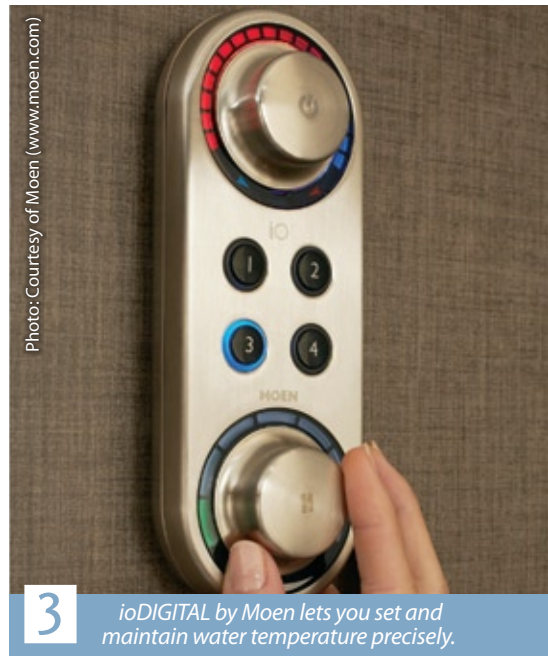
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This mirrored cabinet by Robern includes a safety lock box.

### Prevent Poisoning

More than 2 million poisonings are reported to poison control centers each year—with the highest rates among children under age five. To prevent these poisonings, keep all cleaners and medications in their original containers with labels to ensure they are used properly and not mistaken for another product.

Make sure all poisonous items and medications are locked up and out of reach of children. This can be as easy as adding child-proof locks on the cabinets where your cleaners are stored and installing a medicine cabinet with a built-in lock box for added safety.



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ioDIGITAL by Moen lets you set and maintain water temperature precisely.

### Banish Burns

Although 93 percent of adults report functioning smoke alarms in their homes, some burns occur without any smoke! In fact, more than 112,000 emergency room visits occur each year due to hot tap water scald burns. To prevent these burns, turn down your water heater to 120 degrees and install an anti-scald regulator fixture in the shower, tub and vanity sink.

Finally, never leave potential fire hazards, such as space heaters, candles, or curling irons unattended. Replace lit candles with battery-powered "flameless" candles and put your curling or flat iron in a protective case when finished for added precaution. ■

# Grand Kitchen Remodel

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The appliances that were selected included a 48" dual fuel Viking range, built in Sub Zero refrigerator, built in microwave and wine refrigerator that was installed in the island. These top of the line appliances provide the homeowner with all the latest amenities and modern conveniences. Layers of lighting, from recessed, pendant and under the cabinet lights, to the natural light coming from new windows, perfectly illuminate this large space. Beautiful Cristalino granite, an Elkay gourmet e-granite sink with a Delta Touch2O faucet, and tile backsplash with Delta pot filler provide the finishing touches to the amazing kitchen. Finally, the old wooden deck was removed from the back of the house. A brick terrace was constructed, creating the perfect spot for outdoor family gatherings and entertaining. Now the homeowners' wishes were fulfilled, both inside and out! If you can imagine yourself in a new kitchen, addition or any other room in your house, **Lane Homes & Remodeling** can help. ■

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