



KITCHEN FOR ENTERTAINING

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WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

Here we are, right in the middle of winter, stuck indoors thinking of warmer days. Use your spare time wisely. If you're considering a remodeling project in the spring — an addition, a new kitchen or bath, remodeling an existing living space — now is the time for planning that project. Planning is the most important aspect of any successful project, and we at Glaze Design/Build are here to help.

Keep in mind that spring is typically the busiest time of year for remodeling projects, and our schedule will start filling up very soon. Contact us now to discuss your spring remodeling needs so that we can be ready to go when the spring thaw arrives.

Sincerely,

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Our Holistic Approach to Remodeling



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There's no place like home. It's a place of love and warmth that welcomes you with open arms; where great family memories are made; where you feel comfortable just being yourself. Naturally, you want your home to provide a happy, healthy and safe environment for you and your loved ones. You also want to make wise home improvement decisions that will increase your home's value—such as making it more energy efficient and low-maintenance. At Glaze Design/Build, we are passionate about providing a smooth, holistic approach to the remodeling process for you, while helping you enhance your home for better living.

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Would you love to entertain and cook in your kitchen, but the space is not designed to make that possible? Perhaps your kitchen is closed off and too confining for more than one person. First of all, designing a kitchen with an open floor plan that integrates seamlessly with your dining and living areas can help make it the perfect location for get-togethers.

Dividing an open kitchen into multiple work zones—such as food prep, cooking, serving and clean up—makes all kinds of sense for entertaining. Since each zone includes all the equipment necessary for completing specific tasks, it will be easier for others to assist you. Pull-out storage systems help you keep everything organized and accessible within the various zones so your countertops can be more clutter-free. A butler's pantry will conceal those tasks that get a little messy—things you do not want your guests to see. A sink and dishwasher in the butler's pantry permits a quick clean up while the party is still going.

For entertaining large groups you should outfit your kitchen with plenty of heavy duty appliances so you can prepare and serve multiple dishes concurrently. Seriously consider an induction cooktop because of its powerful output and because it adds scant heat to your kitchen. Induction offers a safer environment for guests since the cooktop remains relatively cool to the touch. You could add an Incogneeto induction warmer that instantly turns your kitchen countertop into an extra burner when needed. Install a ventilation system that is appropriate for the size of your cooktop



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so that smoke and grease are cleared from the air before particles attach to the upholstery or your guests' clothing. If your cooktop is located in your island, a downdraft vent that lowers out of sight when not in use offers uninterrupted vistas. Double wall ovens allow you to cook different dishes simultaneously, while a warming drawer keeps food at the proper temperature until you wish to serve it. A sink workstation can transform your island into a convenient buffet. Drinks may be kept on ice at this workstation, or in a separate location you could install a beverage station with a coffeemaker and a combination wine and beer cooler.

Keep traffic and conversation flow in mind as you plan your kitchen gathering space. Your guests should have sufficient room to move around without getting food knocked out of their hands. Allow at least 48 inches for aisle width, which also creates work space for more than one cook. Seating at the island should be across from the work area so you can talk with your friends, but they won't get in your way. You will want optimal task and ambient lighting in the kitchen, but also include accent lighting to help create a pleasant mood. Comfortable soft seating close by will provide even more opportunity for your guests to mingle while they are in the kitchen. Integrating your open kitchen with an outdoor living space helps increase your entertainment space. By utilizing the same styles and finishes in both the indoor and outdoor area, the space will flow smoothly as one.



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The Power of Touch

On-Off

You want to wash your hands, since they are full of shaving cream or sticky hair gel. But when you turn on your bathroom faucet, your messy hands leave unsightly marks on the handle!

With the Talis Select by Hansgrohe you no longer need to grasp a handle. This sleek faucet is activated by gently pressing down on a button at the top. Use your wrist, elbow or arm—whichever is your cleanest appendage at the moment. The faucet is available in different heights to provide just the right amount of clearance between it and your sink.

Open-Close

You have a stack of clean dishes in your hands, ready to deposit into a kitchen drawer. But then you realize you cannot pull the drawer open when your hands are full!

A drawer system from Blum called Tip-On Blumotion makes the impossible possible. Tip-On is a mechanical, not electric, opening support system which lets you simply touch the drawer front to open the drawer. Blumotion softly and silently closes the drawer with a light push. Both work together to enhance the opening and closing of drawers in kitchens and throughout the home.



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BARN DOOR TRENDS

Sliding barn doors have become an important trend in residential interior design. One reason for their popularity is the wide variety of textures and colors this type of door can add to a space. A rustic weather-beaten wood barn door brings character to a room because of its authentic patina and rich wood tones. It will provide a striking contrast in a slick, modern setting. A newly minted barn door painted a bright color offers warmth and personality in a traditional interior. Today's barn doors are not limited to wood, either. For a unique look they may be constructed from materials such as metal, fiberglass, and frosted glass. The barn door hanger and track system can be exposed for a more industrial look, or hidden in a fascia for a finished appearance. A



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sliding barn door can be the focal point of any room, making a powerful statement with its unusual design, finish, or hardware.

If you are looking for ways to increase usable space in a room, a sliding barn door is a practical option. A standard hinged door requires eight to ten square feet of floor space to swing open. This is basically wasted space in your home, since nothing else—such as a chair or table—can occupy that same floor space. A barn door uses no floor space, except for the footprint of the door itself as it slides alongside the wall. Keep in mind, however, that a sliding door requires wall space adjacent to the doorway. Furniture may be placed beside the barn door without interfering with the door's operation. In a home with an open floor plan, sliding barn doors can be used to close off separate areas when privacy is desired.

Unlike a pocket door, a sliding barn door is mounted on the outside of the wall. It is an ideal solution for walls constructed of concrete block or brick, or for wood-framed walls containing pipes or wiring.



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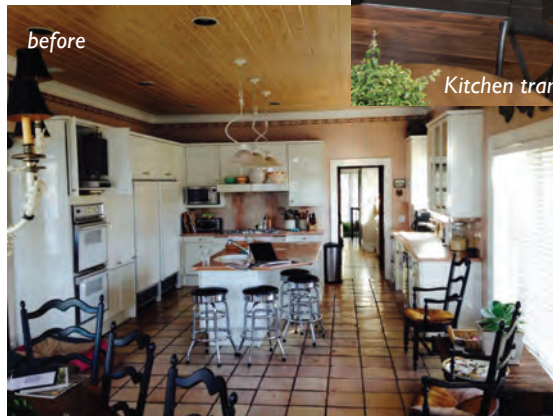
Our Holistic Approach to Remodeling

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Today, you have several options to consider when you are ready to remodel your home:

With the traditional method of remodeling, you contract first with an architect and/or designer to design your project and then later receive bids from separate remodelers who want to contract with you to build the project. One of the problems with this method is that the exquisite project you are so excited about may end up costing more to build than you can afford. Another difficulty with the traditional method is that you must manage more than one contract, and you may be caught in the middle when disputes arise between the several parties.

On the other end of the spectrum is a remodeler who takes a quick look around your home and quotes an inexpensive price on the spot, without drawing up any plans. Our advice is to avoid hiring this type of remodeler. The price may seem good, but without plans for you to approve, you have no guarantee that your project will turn out the way you hoped.



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From the very beginning of your project, you are invited to be actively involved with our team, so the entire group can be responsive to your needs and desires. Your vision for the project, your budget needs, and your desired time frame for completion are all taken into consideration in your proposal. A thorough cost estimate during the design phase reduces the likelihood of unforeseen expenditures during the material selection and construction phases.

Advantages of Design Build

The holistic approach to remodeling that Glaze Design/Build uses is called the Design Build process—a process that is recognized and highly respected within the remodeling industry. Adhering to this process, our firm provides the services to design as well as build your remodeling project, so you only have one contract. Our team of professionals draws up your plans and is held accountable for the final result. It is a collaborative effort that can save you time and money through its efficiency.

Our team will help guide you in the material selection phase so you can freely choose the products you prefer without stressing about staying within your budget. Then the project can move seamlessly into the construction phase, since your project was placed into the construction schedule during the design phase. After construction starts, communication with you will continue as needed, and you will be kept abreast of the progress. The goal of this holistic approach is to make your remodeling experience as enjoyable and positive as possible and to guarantee that your completed project will be of the high standard of quality and design that you envisioned at the outset.