



# THE NEW AMERICAN HOME 2017

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The remodeling industry has seen some major changes in the past few years for many different reasons. The biggest impact is the internet. We have found that the internet is changing our business from a sales standpoint, the way we market our business, and also the way we produce jobs. The internet has also changed our clients. Homeowners are doing research for their upcoming remodeling projects on the internet.

With websites like Houzz.com, homeowners can get ideas for any interior or exterior project with the click of a button. A place to browse and save beautiful home photos, a place to find the right design and construction professionals, a place to connect with others who have been there too. Glaze Design/Build has a profile on Houzz, as well as project inspiration at [www.glazedesignbuild.com](http://www.glazedesignbuild.com).

We encourage you to check them out. We have many project pictures to look through to get inspired; pictures of kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, whole house remodels and more. No more tearing out pages from decorating magazines and storing them in binders. All these ideas are just a click away. If you are a current or past customer and have been genuinely pleased by our work on your home, please take a moment to post a review on Houzz. Feel free to share your own photos of projects we completed for you! If you have any questions give us a call at 828.324.9255.

Sincerely,

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Beautiful master bath by Glaze Design/Build.

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Sprawling, single-story, open-design, floor-to-ceiling windows, swimming pool and putting green—all these features reflect the Mid-Century Modern architectural vibe of homes built in Palm Springs, CA during the 1950s and 60s. The New American Home (TNAH) 2017 is glamorously reminiscent of this beloved retro style, but at the same time the residence is state-of-the-art. TNAH is designed each year as an educational tool for remodelers, builders and designers to learn about new technology, products and design concepts they can take back and use in their own projects. Yet as attendees toured this year's home during the International Builders Show in Orlando, no doubt they envisioned Frank Sinatra crooning next to the baby grand piano in the foyer.

TNAH 2017 has the relaxed feeling of a mini-resort where friends and family can come and stay for several days in the guest suite or in the three bedrooms with separate baths. There are many activities to keep visitors entertained, from the five-hole putting green and infinity-edge swimming pool with a beach, to a game room with pool table, a golf-simulator room, a hot tub, workout room/spa, and four bars. Sightlines from the home's entrance move the eye through a number

of interior and exterior spaces without interruption. Expansive sliding glass walls on both sides of the great room open the space entirely on one side to the putting green and on the other side to the swimming pool. A motorized retractable 40 ft. screen provides shade from the sun when necessary, without blocking fresh air.

Throughout the home, the use of white lends a bright clean look to the spaces, complimented by soft energy-efficient lighting that maintains a luxurious atmosphere. Attention is naturally drawn to those details that stand out as interesting and unusual, such as the 3D tiles on the fireplace wall in the great room.

The kitchen displays symmetry and lack of clutter through its sleek white cabinets and integrated appliances. The built-in refrigerator columns blend seamlessly into the rest of the cabinetry, and next to the refrigerators is an identical door that leads to a hidden pantry. The black Caesarstone island becomes the focal point because of its beautiful dining table made of a single piece of old-growth distressed walnut. A wall of windows above the countertop illuminates the space with natural light.

One goal of TNAH each year is to demonstrate that with careful planning even a sizable home can be energy efficient and sustainable. The 2017 home is 12,000 square feet, yet energy costs are projected to be no more than \$250 each year. This has been achieved in a variety of ways, including the installation of Energy-Star rated appliances, LED light fixtures, foam insulation on roof and exterior walls, low-E windows, and a rooftop solar array. Generous roof overhangs help manage solar gains, reducing the indoor air temperature, while overhead fans help maximize the airflow. The Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index score for this home is zero, which means this home produces as much energy as it consumes. The home is currently up for multiple certifications: National Green Building Standard (NGBS) Emerald, Indoor air-PLUS, Energy-Star, and LEED for Homes.



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# Top 10 Kitchen Design Trends for 2017

As you are planning your kitchen remodel, wouldn't it be great to know ahead of time which styles and colors we can expect to be emerging this year for such an important space in your home? The annual Kitchen & Bath Design Trends Report conducted by the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is a survey of their member designers that keeps us on top of the trends each year. The following is a summary of the 2017 report on kitchens:

1. Clean lines, built-ins and simple door styles prevail in kitchen designs. Contemporary styled kitchens are now the second most popular design after Transitional, with Traditional in third place. Some emerging styles are: Industrial and Mid-Century Modern. Mountain Modern and Coastal can be thought of as variations on Contemporary.
2. Painted cabinets in white or gray—especially gray—will continue to dominate kitchen color schemes. Blue is an emerging color for painted cabinets; high gloss finishes are emerging as well. In terms of overall color schemes, blue as well as black are making the scene.



3. Two-toned colored kitchens are on the rise; mixing up materials and metals across surfaces and as accents is also rising.
4. Although wood cabinets still reign over kitchen designs, metal appears to be emerging.
5. Furniture-look pieces, rollouts and pullouts and under cabinet lighting (LED) are some of the leading kitchen cabinet features. The use of crown molding is decreasing. There is an upsurge in the use of rustic and reclaimed woods.
6. Quartz is the prevailing kitchen countertop material, and trending up. Granite, second in popularity, is diminishing.
7. Induction cooktops and convection ovens are rising, and microwave drawers are advancing beyond freestanding or built-in microwaves.
8. The use of technology in the kitchen is increasing. About one third of the designers included wiring and pathways for future tech integration. Also moving up is more internet connected appliances and docking stations.
9. Interior barn doors and pocket doors are gaining in popularity.
10. Accessible and/or Universal Design features in kitchens continue to trend up.

## LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

When evening arrives on your outside deck, lighted railings will help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for you and your guests. They possess design appeal that elevates the feeling of luxury in your outdoor living space. The lights also provide safety as people maneuver from the swimming pool to the lounge chairs or outdoor kitchen. The best choice for these outdoor applications are energy-efficient LED bulbs since they are long lasting and offer a multitude of colors.

One beautiful example is an LED railing light that recesses into the underside of the top and bottom rails of a railing system. These railing lights need to be fully weatherproof.

The new 24-volt LED Post Accent Light by Feeney attaches to their DesignRail Aluminum system to create an attractive down light. The polycarbonate lens protects the bulbs from harsh weather elements

and diffuses the light more evenly. It is compatible with third-party dimmers and switches.

Crystal Rail from Regal Ideas is a unique system that uses no posts or rails to hold its frameless tempered glass panels in place. It provides a clear unobstructed view and the bases illuminate at night with LED lighting. This system won the *Most Innovative Building Product* award at the 2017 Builders Show.

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Top 5 Master Bath Must-Haves

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# TOP FIVE MASTER BATHROOM MUST-HAVES

Are you in the beginning stages of your bathroom remodel? From your Pinterest board to your Houzz Idea Book, we are sure you have saved some beautiful and inspirational designs to help influence the look and feel of your space. However, we recommend checking to see if these five master bathroom must-haves are on your list.

While design is important, some of the most important must-have items are the most practical. These are the features that are going to improve your everyday routine. Think water usage, lighting and storage. However, that doesn't mean that they won't make your bathroom luxurious.

So, without further ado, here are five features to incorporate into your master suite renovation:

**TASK LIGHTING** - You want to showcase you and your space in the best light possible. That is why bathroom lighting is so important. However, this doesn't just mean what's overhead. Task lighting such as lighted mirrors and medicine cabinets are extremely beneficial for everyday activities like applying makeup or shaving.

**HOT WATER RECIRCULATING SYSTEM** - Imagine not having to wait for hot water. It's a thing of the past when incorporating recirculating system into your bathroom. There are a couple of ways to run this.



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The first is through a continuous loop of hot water running through the pipes. The second is through a pump underneath the sink. With either option, hot water is always close by.

**HEATED FLOORING** - During the cold winter months, you'll be thankful that you incorporated heated flooring. In fact, it may be the one thing that gets you out of bed and into the bathroom. Plus, adding this amenity doesn't limit your options for tile flooring, so feel free to fall in love with all types of ceramic and stone options.

**STORAGE** - From a closet to a tower made from custom cabinetry, a place to put everything is a great luxury. Niches and open shelving within benches, vanities and showers also help to provide additional storage, whether that is towels or toiletries.

**SHOWER UPGRADES** - The shower receives regular use, so it should have features that make the experience an indulgent one. This includes benches to take a seat or aide in shaving your legs; and steam, which can help with stress, skin care and sore muscles.