

A Home for *All Generations*

During our country's recession, a number of multi-generational households formed as a means of helping family members who were facing economic difficulties. Recent reports indicate that even though the economy has improved, many of those households have decided to remain together into the future.

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Do You Know What You Are Getting?

You have been dreaming about remodeling for years. Well, the daydreaming stage is past and you're facing reality now. A group of strangers is coming into your house to tear it apart. They'll yank out your cabinets, pry up the bathroom flooring and change everything—including the kitchen sink! And you invited them to do all of this!!! The plain truth of the matter is that remodeling is dirty and is a disruption to family life. As a professional remodeler it's our job not to add to that stress.

When you enter into a contract with **Glaze Design/Build**, you know exactly what you will get:

- 1. Clarity** – Our contracts are clear and concise.
- 2. Efficiency** – We strive to complete the job as quickly as possible.
- 3. Cleanliness** – Our goal is to leave the job as clean as possible, every day.
- 4. Quality** – We will exceed your expectations.

Sincerely,



Gene Glaze



Porches: Greet, Relax, and Live Outdoors

Tastefully designed porches add architectural interest and timeless value to your home. **Glaze Design/Build** has built a number of front porches and screened porches over the last several years.

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Increasingly, remodelers are asked to create semi-independent suites with separate entrances, kitchens and bathrooms within their clients' existing homes. Builders are also taking notice and designing new homes that include such spaces as well.

The New American Home (TNAH) 2014 was showcased during the first annual Design & Construction Week (combined IBS and KBIS) in Las Vegas. This home featured a variety of flexible living spaces that are perfectly suited to a multi-generational family. A detached casita on the ground floor is available just outside the main entrance to the home. A second-floor "carriage suite" is accessed by an outdoor stairway, but is also directly connected to the inside of the house through an elevator. And perhaps

most unusual, there are two elegant bedroom suites that can function as master suites—one on the ground floor and one on the second floor (shown here). In fact, the home is designed so that each level can function independently, if desired.

Like all the other spaces in the home, the luxurious second-floor master suite beautifully displays a contemporary vibe and all the latest trends in colors, design, lighting and energy-saving features. The neutral color scheme is formed by incorporating many natural elements—such as wood, stone, leather, and metal—and employing



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layer upon layer of interesting textures. Rich mocha maple wood flooring is used throughout, with the exception of the smooth pebble flooring that delineates the bathing area. Within that area is a zero-threshold

shower with a floor-to-ceiling glass surround; an eye-catching soaking tub flaunting an organic oval shape; and a double-sided horizontal fireplace that is also visible from the master bedroom. Two separate vanities flank the shower area, featuring floating wood cabinets with stone countertops. An ample dressing area includes a makeup table and a versatile closet storage system.

Not only is this master suite glamorous, it also includes high-performance features that helped TNAH 2014 meet the highest levels of the National Green Building Standard and LEED for Homes green building programs. Tankless gas water heaters installed near the garage save energy while supplying plentiful hot water. Low-flow showerheads (1.75 gpm) and faucets (0.5 gpm), as well as dual-flush toilets, provide water savings along with a satisfying user experience. LED lighting offers energy efficiency. To minimize off-gassing and maintain healthy indoor air quality, great care was taken when selecting finishes, such as the zero-VOC paint, the no-added-urea-formaldehyde cabinets, and the Green Label Plus carpeting.



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New Product Introductions

You've Got Style

Just because the style of your home is contemporary or mid-century modern, does not mean your home's interior doors have to be flush and boring. The TruStile Modern collection offers wonderful innovative possibilities.

TruStile doors are featured in The New American Home 2014, where they enhance the modern aesthetic of the rest of the home's interior cabinetry and furnishings. The Modern collection offers a wide variety of custom materials that may be substituted for standard wood panels or rails in virtually unlimited configurations. You can choose inserts of glass, resin, leather and metal to make your doors into a unique personal statement.



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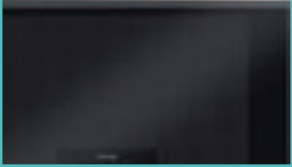


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Benchmark Wall Ovens by Bosch now offer a side opening door that offers better ergonomic access to the wall oven cavity.

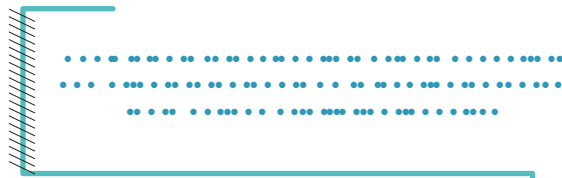


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range that presides in all its glory over the kitchen? Or would I prefer a streamlined induction cooktop with matching wall ovens that blend into their surroundings?

KITCHEN APPLIANCES

Major kitchen appliances were back at KBIS and IBS in 2014, after being absent for several years. The excitement was palpable as crowds of people jockeyed for position in front of the many cooking exhibits where top-name chefs demonstrated the various new appliances.

The overwhelming multiplicity of choices sometimes makes it difficult to select your kitchen appliances. Some questions to ponder are:

- What are my favorite menu items and how do I like to prepare them? Bake, stir-fry, grill?
- What volume of food do I usually prepare when I cook? For a large family or just the two of us?
- Is the look of the appliance important to me? Do I prefer a gleaming, rugged professional-style gas

Keep in mind that an induction cooktop can give you the equivalent BTUs of a gas cooktop, whereas electric cooktops do not compare. A convection oven can bake 3-4 racks of cookies at the same time, and they all turn out beautifully browned. And you can cook two different foods at the same time, because there is no flavor or aroma transfer. Steam ovens can do everything a microwave can, with the exception of popping corn and making coffee. The flavor and texture is superior with a steam oven, and it preserves vitamins and antioxidants.

So, here are some of the hot new trends in ranges, ovens and cooktops for the home:

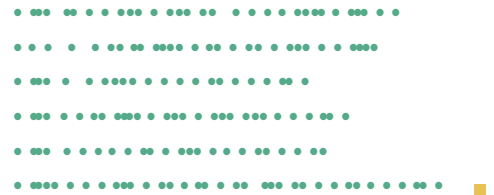


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Dacor's new Discovery iQ 48\"/>



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MOST ASKED-FOR Remodeling Projects

Identifying what clients want and expect in a remodeling project, including innovative ways to deliver it to them, is a never ending search. Fads in remodeling can come and go quickly. The trick is to look beyond the fads and pinpoint solid trends in remodeling which are rooted in clients' underlying attitudes and expectations. Here are some of the latest trends in remodeling.

• Open Spaces

Light and airy open spaces are incorporating lots of natural light blended with soft neutral colors.

• Increased Technology

Technology in the home is blossoming as people search for ways to simplify their lives and make their homes a haven.

• Personal Refuge

With kitchens becoming the

new living rooms, a spacious master suite/bathroom featuring a swirling relaxing bath, is becoming the ultimate retreat.

• Special Privacy Rooms

Creating a separate exercise room/spa, an office or special media/theater room, for example, follows people's desires to make their homes a haven.

• Accessibility and Safety

People are now choosing to remain in their homes for many years. Remodeling to plan ahead for future accessibility and safety, particularly in bathrooms and kitchens, is on the upswing. There is also an increased awareness of the benefits of Universal Design for family members and loved ones with special needs and requirements, to help them enjoy a comfortable and safe home environment. ■



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Some have been graceful front porches that provide room for rocking chairs in which to wile away the time and take in the goings-on of the neighborhood. Others have been screened porches with ceiling fans—basically extensions of the interior living space that allow our clients to enjoy eating outdoors during the buggy season. Often times, the exterior space extends to a patio in the backyard, which is a great place for firepits, fireplaces, outdoor kitchens and bars, and built-in barbecue grills.

Our goal with any addition is to take into account the existing structure as part of the design in order to create an addition that looks like it was always there. And while the right design is important, it's only one part of the equation. It's the careful attention to the details while the project is being built that really helps bring everything together.

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