



# TODAY'S EMPHASIS ON *Texture*

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## Guiding You Through the Remodeling Process

Many times when thinking about a home improvement project, people get “stuck” and never move forward. The idea of remodeling is overwhelming. There are too many choices: What can we actually do? Where do we start? Where do we go from here?

That is one of the reasons to contact us at **Glaze Design/Build!** Our goal is to get you the space you want, the space you need, and the space you love, while helping you navigate the sometimes confusing world of remodeling.

No matter the size, type, or scope of the project, Glaze Design/Build is here to provide you with guidance. From our first meeting, we are listening and processing your needs and wants. Communication is the key! We can help you narrow down your choices based on your requirements, so there is no need for you to look at hundreds of samples of siding, decking, door knobs, sinks, and countertops.

Having trouble visualizing your new space? Sometimes looking at a line drawing of a floor plan or elevation just does not make sense. We can also complete a 3-D computer rendering that allows you to get a good understanding of your project's details.

Making your remodeling project less overwhelming, smooth, and hassle free is our priority. Do you have a project in mind? We would love to help you with it. Visit our website at [glazedesignbuild.com](http://glazedesignbuild.com). You will find that we provide a level of customer service that exceeds your expectations. Give us a call today and let Glaze Design/Build help you make your dream a reality!



## Make Open Shelving Work For Your Kitchen

Open shelving is one of those design elements people tend to either love or hate, so if you're one that loves them—this article is for you. Going with open shelving provides an opportunity to break up the look of cabinets upon cabinets in the kitchen. They're great for introducing color and texture into the space with minimal commitment, giving you the ability to swap objects in and out easily.



Open shelving can work with any style kitchen, providing the shelves and brackets reflect the style you're going for. For example, you wouldn't want fussy, detailed brackets for a modern kitchen. Overall, open shelving is a fun way to bring some drama to the kitchen with scale, color and texture; they're not a design element you're going to find in every kitchen.

*Kitchen Remodel with open shelving by Glaze Design/Build.*



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As the contemporary look for interiors has gained prominence in the US, our homes are being transformed by a cleaner, more streamlined design aesthetic. Unlike modern design that homeowners often feel is too cold and minimalistic, contemporary interiors are warm and inviting, without being cluttered. They offer a subtle elegance that is the here and now.

Contemporary interiors typically focus on space, color, shape and lots of natural light. Black, white and neutral colors, as well as geometric shapes, define the space. Accessories in bold colors— even a vase of flowers or a bowl of fresh fruit— can give punch to the room. And with contemporary design, the impact of bare spaces is often just as important as the decorative objects in a room.

Textures are used to bring warmth and interest into the contemporary home. Weaving natural textures into a smooth, sleek interior makes it feel more welcoming. Layering a variety of textures in a space is becoming increasingly popular. Some of the preferred materials selected for this purpose are metal, wood, stone, glass, concrete, leather, fabric and wallpaper, as well as live plants.

Brushed brass and matte black metal finishes are on trend in contemporary interiors, yet stainless steel continues to shine.



Photo: Courtesy of Richelieu ([www.richelieu.com](http://www.richelieu.com))

Interestingly, wallpaper is making a comeback, especially geometric prints and 3-D sculptural patterns. A living green wall, created from hundreds of live plants, not only offers the benefits of adding bold beautiful color to the home environment, it also provides healthy, clean oxygen.

Another aspect of Green texture that may be used in a contemporary interior involves eco-friendly recycling ideas enlivened with modern colors and innovations. Some of today's most impressive fashion trends emphasize turning recycled and eco-friendly materials into fresh interior design solutions.

On page one, the beautiful recycled leather in a Jumbo Croc pattern gives unique texture to the kitchen island. The leather is from EcoDomo, a company that specializes in sustainable creative applications of leather. EcoDomo also designs wall panels from repurposed leather belts that can be used as whimsical accents, such as the backsplash shown here. Richelieu's novel wood wall panels are made from recycled Oak wood wine barrels from Spain. The combination of the type of wine barrel and the length of aging gives each panel its own artistic flair and color. The walk-in shower by Kohler displays the softening effect that live plants give to rooms with hard surfaces.

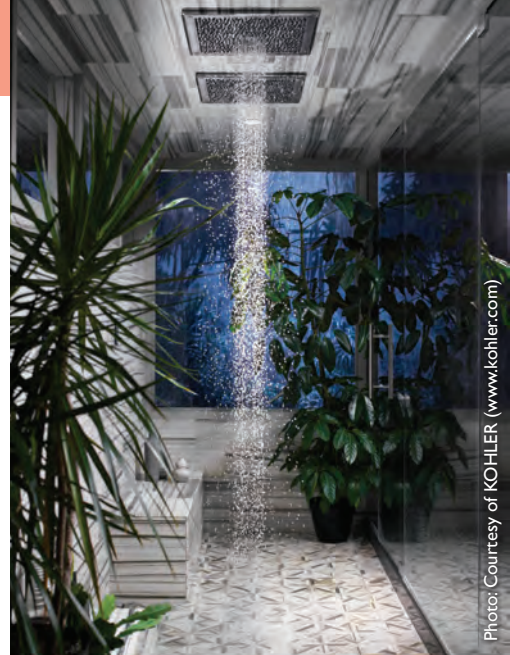


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# 4 Tips for Open Concept Interiors

The open concept for home interiors has captured the imagination of homeowners across the country. Interior walls that once compartmentalized kitchens from dining and living rooms, making homes feel confining, are coming down everywhere. People appreciate the bright, expansive feeling that is created when natural light can more easily pass through their entire living space. The open concept allows you to blend your cooking, family time and socializing.

**If you are planning to bring the open concept into your home, here are four ideas to consider:**

**1.** Consult with a professional remodeler before you start a DIY project by tearing down your walls. Disasters have resulted from

homeowners who have unknowingly removed load-bearing walls. Also, non-load-bearing walls may have wiring, plumbing or HVAC running through them that will need to be rerouted. A professional has the expertise needed to achieve the beautiful and functional end results you desire for your new open space.

**2.** Removing interior kitchen walls will eliminate some wall space for installing cabinets. You still need to have storage space for your pots and pans, utensils and food items. Purchasing cabinets with built-in, high-quality organizational storage systems, as well as extra tall cabinets with more shelves, will allow you to store more items in less space. A larger island can also provide additional storage.

**3.** Consider how your lifestyle will interpret the design of your open kitchen. For example, if you have young children who will spend a lot of time with you in the kitchen/family room space, your needs will be different from that of an empty-nester who primarily entertains friends. Make a list of your priorities before the design process begins.

**4.** Open your living space to the outdoors. Removing an exterior wall and installing a wide expanse of sliding glass doors or folding glass doors that open to an outdoor deck or patio can actually expand your living space. You can make the outside seem like a natural extension of the inside by using the same or similar materials and finishes in both locations.



Photo: By James F. Wilson

## Writable Surfaces

It isn't high-tech like an iPad or computer, but Formica's new Writable Surfaces Collection offers fun and functionality for a wide variety of locations in your home. It is available in chalkboard and markerboard options in six colors and designs. Each provides the chance to write a personal note or draw a picture on the surface, and then simply wipe it away when finished. For children (and adults) who've always wished they could draw on the walls at home and not get in trouble for it—this is the perfect answer.



Photos: Courtesy of Formica (www.formica.com)



Formica's Writable Surfaces may be used on vertical and horizontal surfaces, so it can function as a wall panel, desktop or countertop. Think about where you might want a surface like this in your home. In the kitchen it could be the place where family members add needed items to the grocery list, or make suggestions for your weekly meal plan. In the entryway or mudroom it could be a part of your family "command center" where the children are reminded to feed the dog or clean up their rooms. You might enjoy a surface like this in your craft room to help jump-start ideas. And if you really want to please the kids, give them a Writable Surfaces wall panel in their bedrooms where they can let their imaginations run wild!

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# Sunroom Addition Brings Outdoors In



During the Spring/Summer months, and, in our temperate climate even the Fall, homeowners love spending time outdoors on their patio or deck with friends and family. For really warm days, however, they also like having a conditioned space in their home where everyone can be comfortable and still enjoy the surrounding landscape. That is the purpose of a sunroom—a room where expansive windows and climate control allow you to enjoy the beauty of nature year 'round.



Beautiful sunroom addition by Glaze Design/Build.

Do you desire more space in your home to entertain guests in an indoor/outdoor environment? Glaze Design/Build is an expert at creating sunroom additions that connect your existing indoor space in a seamless transition all the way through to a new deck or patio. Due to ample windows and glass doors, natural light floods the sunroom and also brightens the once dark interior spaces. A sunroom brings the outside in, providing a delightful space for seating and entertaining guests regardless of the weather. Contact Glaze Design/Build at 324-9255 or info@glazedesignbuild.com for your beautiful sunroom.

# MIXING WOOD AND STONE COUNTERTOPS IN THE KITCHEN

Your countertops are one of the quiet workhorses of the kitchen, regularly standing up to acidic foods, temperature swings, and sharp objects. But some of the most beautiful countertop materials can also be fairly delicate and prone to damage. Wood or butcher block countertops are two such items that can be incorporated into kitchen counters. With a few careful considerations, they can add a richness and natural beauty sure to be worth the effort.

There are two types of wood countertops, one is a typical wood top, and the other is a butcher block top. The standard wood countertop is similar to what you might find on your dining room table. It has a finish on the wood and is not meant for direct use as a cutting surface. Butcher block tops, on the other hand, are typically unfinished or oiled and are intended to be used as a work surface in your kitchen.

One of the best places for a wood top in most kitchens will be at the island. The island area is typically used

more for dining, entertaining, and light meal prep, and does not usually have as much usage and traffic as the perimeter countertops. Whether you prefer decorative vs. a functional wood top is as much a question of personal usage preference as it is about the style of your kitchen.

An aesthetic benefit of adding a partial wood top to your island is that it can provide a visual break of what might otherwise be a large expanse of stone. This change in material can make a larger island feel more proportionate to the scale of the room while balancing the look of the stone countertops. Another benefit to wood on the island is that it is not cold to the touch if you have seating. And it can be sanded down to look brand new!

While a wood countertop isn't right for every person or every home, it is a unique design detail that is sure to make your kitchen stand out.



Mixed countertop kitchen remodel by Glaze Design/Build.