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KITCHEN WITH CONVENIENCES

With all the sensational products available today, it is exciting to imagine how gorgeous your newly remodeled kitchen could be! Perhaps you envision a wide-open, light-filled space with sleek flat-panel cabinets, a generous island with amazing pendant lighting overhead, and the latest ultra-compact surfacing covering the backsplash and countertops. What fun to entertain all your friends in those surroundings!

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7 Important Qualities of an Exceptional Remodeling Company

1. It is focused and well-organized.
2. It specializes in the size, type and sophistication of your project.
3. There is good depth of experience among its team of experts.
4. Projects are brought fully to completion—not just “close enough”. There is a process in place to identify whether or not a project is 100% finished.
5. It has a reputation for quality work that endures year after year.
6. Contracts are fixed-price with a minimum number of modifications (change orders) during construction. In the project development stage, the contractor already reached a complete understanding with the client as to what the project entails.
7. Meetings that include an agenda are regularly scheduled during construction.

Glaze Design/Build adheres to these seven qualities as a standard for how we do business.

We invite you to take a look at glazedesignbuild.com and see for yourself the many aspects that set us apart from other remodelers in this area.



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In addition you want your kitchen to be more than just a pretty face. This space should be easy to maintain, adaptable to a variety of purposes, and accessible to the greatest number of users. In other words, you will make sure your kitchen is optimized for user experience. It is important to consider the needs of all users of the space, whether a young child, elderly adult, a person experiencing a disability, or even a beloved pet. In their recent surveys of residential designers and architects, both the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) report a significant rise in homeowner interest in user experience.

Since kitchen cabinetry comprises such an important part of every kitchen, it is always important to consider its functionality. One decision you can make is to focus mainly on drawers and minimize upper wall cabinets. This makes all your kitchen components low and accessible. Drawers that open and close with a slight touch allow smooth and easy access when you already have your hands full, or if you have limited mobility. Pull-out cabinet storage systems eliminate the necessity of reaching back into deep corners to find lost items. LED lighting can be utilized to illuminate the interior contents of cabinets and drawers, as well as countertops. LED lights remain cool to the touch and will not harm food or plants by exposing them to excessive heat. Multiple-height work surfaces in the kitchen ensure everyone a convenient spot to help with food prep. Choose a countertop surface that requires little maintenance other than regular cleaning with soap and water to keep it looking new.



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The kitchen by Häfele shown here demonstrates each of these desirable aspects of kitchen design and more. Its simple lines and sophisticated neutrals ignites inspiration. A motorized table with a beautiful Heart Pine top offers a built-in lazy susan, along with an adjustable-height lift for the ultimate access. When lowered, the table is suitable for children or people using wheelchairs; at counter height it becomes an extra work surface; at full height it can serve as a bar. The Convoy pantry pull-out sliding shelf system brings pantry items to users with a unique soft open feature that allows the shelves to glide out, while a soft close feature ensures a smooth return back to the pantry. The versatile Linero rail system lets users choose the elements they wish to hang from the rail and then adjust their location as desired. Additional hidden gems in this kitchen include drawers with peg organizers, a pop-up charging station and a dog food station. ■



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New Product Introductions

CAMOUFLAGE

One of the goals of a fully integrated European-style kitchen—with its touch-to-open, handle-free cabinet doors and drawers—is to achieve a completely smooth understated look. In an open floor plan, the kitchen will basically disappear into the setting. This aesthetic would require that even the appliances



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be camouflaged. However, up until recently, even though an appliance was fully paneled and installed flush with the cabinets, the handles have either protruded out from or made slight indentations in the otherwise perfectly flush surface.

Now even that minimal interruption is no longer necessary. Appliance manufacturers have risen to the challenge and introduced handleless, touch-to-open ovens and dishwashers for an altogether seamless look in the kitchen.

Gaggeneau's 24" DF 280/281 dishwasher can be entirely concealed from view behind a furniture front. A gentle nudge is all it takes to open the door, revealing a control panel tucked into the top of the door and an interior illuminated with LED lights. The new rack system provides effortless loading



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and emptying thanks to its smooth gliding rails on all three levels, along with a soft-close system. This dishwasher offers eight different program wash settings, with the time remaining in the wash cycle discreetly projected onto the kitchen floor.

The dishwasher can also be installed with a handle and the option of a stainless steel-backed full glass door or a custom panel. In either case, the touch-to-open function still remains active. ■

Sensational Walls

The current popularity of modern design in today's home interiors has created many opportunities for including dramatic sculptural wall surfaces. Modern design embraces clean lines, uncluttered furnishings, and wide open spaces—the perfect environment for large scale wall treatments. It provides a serene backdrop against which a bold, three-dimensional accent wall can make an exciting visual impact in your home.

These large scale sculptures are created from individual panels, tiles or blocks that work together form a continuous, rhythmic pattern. The patterns make use of basic geometry, focusing on simple angles and curves. With multiples of the same design, it is possible to create a wall treatment of any size or shape. Consider this look for vertical surfaces, such as a kitchen backsplash or an entry wall opposite the front door.

A variety of materials are used to create this type of sculptural surface—from stone, tile and glass to concrete and natural gypsum. Typically these wall treatments feature neutral colors, but bright colors are also an option. Vibrant colors will help emphasize the lines of fabulous furniture pieces that are themselves neutral in color. ■



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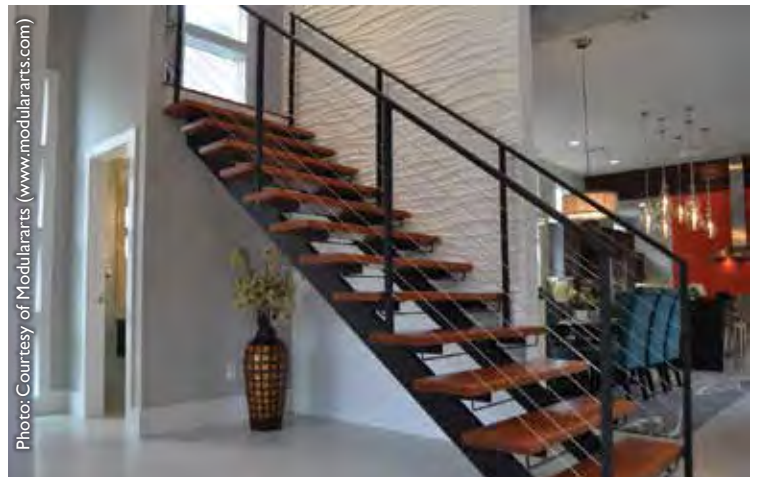


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Extended Outdoor Living Spaces A Growing Trend

Porches add a welcoming outdoor living and entertaining space to nearly any home and can be created to emphasize the entertaining possibilities or to notably enhance your home's curb appeal. Glaze Design/Build has noticed this increased outdoor living trend and has helped numerous homeowners add the right porch for their needs. People are either adding a porch to the front of the home to improve the overall look and increase curb appeal, or they're adding a porch on the back for the added entertainment capabilities.

When creating a porch designed for entertaining, Glaze Design/Build recommends that the size of the porch needs to be comparable to the size of a family room or dining room in order to achieve its full potential. Furniture may be arranged to provide single or multiple seating areas. Take full advantage of the fact that you can get really fashionable and trendy outdoor rugs, lamps and other décor items that look like they're made for indoor use, but are in fact made of materials that easily withstand weathering—truly making the porch an extension of the home. Heaters can be installed in the porch, extending the comfortable use of the porch nearly year-round in our climate.

Now is the time to contact Glaze Design/Build so your beautiful porch will be ready to enjoy this spring.



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