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MAKEOVER MASTERPIECE

Not all homeowners envision a deep soaking tub or a whirlpool bath when they think about how they would like to remodel their master bathroom. Some people recognize that their lifestyle rarely provides time for soaking in a tub. What they really long for is a luxurious shower with all the bells and whistles.

It was the desire for just such a shower that inspired this master bath

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Looking Forward to 2010

What a year we've all had in 2009! I am writing to say how much we at **Normandy** truly appreciate all of you who decided to invest in your homes with us. These times have been trying and we feel blessed to work for such great people.

The adjustments that we made in 2008 and 2009 have enabled us to remain very strong as a company. We are committed to being extremely efficient and value-oriented without sacrificing great design and client satisfaction. On the back page we highlight two of our projects that won "Best of the Best" national design awards. What an honor to be recognized for the work we love to do!

I hope that 2010 finds you well and I anticipate that our country will soon find a sense of peace and stability. And again, from all of us, thank you for your trust and your business.

Andrew Wells,

Vice President and General Manager

MAKEOVER MASTERPIECE

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transformation. The existing circa-1980s bathroom once consisted of a tiny pre-fab shower, a separate bathtub, and a vanity topped by the usual plastic laminate—all in pastel hues.

The design challenge was to incorporate a large, walk-in shower in the existing footprint while keeping the vanity layout much the same. This was successfully accomplished by constructing the new shower within the area formerly occupied by the tub and closet, while the space that housed the original shower became storage.

Shimmering blue glass tiles and iridescent accent pieces, along with a rich black granite seat, combine to make an impressive design statement in the zero-threshold shower. Radiant heat in the floor and the bench seat provide relaxing warmth. Kohler's DTV digital interface offers a plethora of amenities, including one-touch access to any pre-determined combination of body sprays and water temperatures desired. Two fluted glass block windows flood the shower with natural light.



Photos: By Dan Feldkamp of Visual Edge Imaging (www.visualedgeimaging.com)



The skillful use of faux finishes and other unique materials has transformed the entire master bath, including the existing vanity area, into a visual masterpiece. This includes black matte laminate on the cabinetry, silver hardware and accents, and black tile on the floor. Significantly adding to the dynamism of the space is the 6' x 4' ceiling "mirror" made of mylar—the same substance used for balloons, except with a much higher reflective value. Mylar provides the look of a true glass mirror, yet without the safety and maintenance concerns.

The master bath is particularly breathtaking in the evening, when the ambient and track lighting installed in the ceiling and floor softly reflect off the mirrored surfaces. And to make certain one never has to leave these wonderful surroundings, there is a large flat-panel television on the wall and a refrigerator built into the vanity cabinetry. ■

A TASTE FOR *Wine*

Recent surveys show that Americans are drinking more wine than ever before. The increasing number of domestic wineries has made wine more accessible, as well as less expensive, than in the past. In addition, news reports about the health benefits of resveratrol, an antioxidant compound found in the skin of grapes, have increased the consumption of red wine.

Where are people drinking wine? The growing trend is for having wine available for casual entertaining at home. Accompanying that trend has been an increase in the number of people who are including undercounter refrigerated wine cabinets or temperature-controlled wine rooms in their homes. Whether wine is enjoyed along with a meal or served at a party, it is important to keep the beverage at the proper temperature and humidity so it remains in peak condition.

The thoughtful design of this wine room provides storage space for a variety of wines. For example, the table wine is stored horizontally with a slight downward slant to keep the cork moist, whereas the fortified wines are stored upright. Restaurant-style wall cabinets with clear glass doors offer protection for the most valuable wines. Including wine cubes, as well as installing wine racks of varying depths, helps accommodate bottles of all sizes and shapes. The wine room is cooled

with a Vinotheque WhisperKool self-contained unit. Immediately outside the room's glass entry doors is a tasting area perfect for an intimate gathering of friends. ■



Photo: by James F. Wilson



Photo: Courtesy of Timberlake Cabinetry (www.timberlake.com)

The cabinets are Timberlake Yellowstone in Cherry Chocolate.

New Product Introductions

Easy Does It

The ioDigital Shower system by Moen provides an uncomplicated, easy-to-use electronic interface that allows homeowners to quickly and accurately set their preferred combination of water temperature and flow. The system includes four programmable presets. ioDigital technology is powered by an electronic valve that manages the hot and cold water supply, virtually eliminating any noticeable fluctuation in water temperature—even if the water is turned on in other parts of the home. LEDs indicate when the shower matches the settings, and will even alert the user if the hot water supply happens to run low. ■

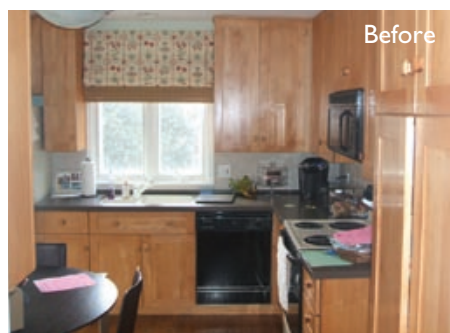


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Normandy Wins Two "Best of the Best" Awards

Fabulous Kitchen

When Vince Weber met the Gill family for the first time, they had a very clear vision for their home. They wanted to get a larger, more functional kitchen space with an eating area to make day-to-day activities such as meals, homework, and gathering more enjoyable. At the same time, the Gills wanted to remove the wall between the kitchen and



Before



After

family room to create a "Living Kitchen," one that would make entertaining more interactive without making guests feel like they were in the way. Now that the dust has settled, the Gills are enjoying a bright, fresh, large entertaining space that they can be very proud of for years to come.

With the help of the Gills and many talented **Normandy** staff, this kitchen has received one of this year's "Best of the Best" Gold awards, as presented by *Professional Remodeler* magazine. Congratulations and thank you to the Gill Family! ■

Amazing Transformation

The Easley's contracted Normandy to build a family room addition and to replace siding, roofing and windows. They had a vision to update the curb appeal of their home and alleviate maintenance issues, while also adding a space to enjoy their family activities.

They wanted a large family room with an expanse of windows that would take advantage of their picturesque back yard. They love to entertain and wanted this room to spill out onto a porch where they could enjoy a glass of wine with their friends

or cozy up to the fire with their two children. Another major concern was the tired roofing, siding and windows; they had to go.

Stephanie Bryant designed a project that transformed their home into the one they had imagined. The Easley's, who are a very busy and active family, were very hands-on during the project and working for them was a true pleasure. They deserve living in the "Best of the Best". Congratulations to them and the devoted **Normandy** staff. ■



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