



This beautiful eat-in kitchen was made more inviting by closing off a doorway to the garage and removing outside walls where once only a pass-through existed.

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Smart Remodeling Is Simply Common Sense

MOST HOMEOWNERS GET NERVOUS when finally making the decision to remodel their home. Not only is remodeling a significant financial investment, but when years of saving, dreaming and planning come together, renovating a home can be a very emotional process.

Typical renovation stories often begin like this: A homeowner wishes to remodel a home like the one featured here. Changes include the kitchen, reconfiguration of the bedrooms and baths, addition of a laundry room and master closet, and an added 4 season's room. The project involves major alterations such as moving walls, changes to mechanicals, the addition of a room, and includes a complete interior overhaul. Step one is to usually look for a kitchen designer and an architect. Most homeowners will talk to the contractor their neighbor used last year. The contractor needs ar-

chitectural drawings and a kitchen design to price the work. The architect estimates the construction cost without full knowledge of the still incomplete kitchen and bath designs. Initially, the homeowner isn't sure what the project might cost, but they proceed with the information they've been given.

Fast forward a few months. The kitchen and bath designs are finally complete, and the architect is completing construction drawings. The homeowner brings both plans back to the contractor, as well as has two more contractors price the project. After months of design and back and forth between architect and kitchen designer; the homeowner receives three "bids". The end result; the homeowner is shocked to receive three dramatically different costs, all above the anticipated budget.

Having experienced firsthand the disconnect that nearly always occurs between architects, de-

signers, and contractors, Todd Jurs embraces his role of one-stop coordination for homeowners, "We've seen so many homeowners over the years embark upon this process, only to be disappointed before they even begin. A smart planning process encompasses pre-budgeting within pre-design, and includes full collaboration with all professionals during the planning process".

Contrast the typical homeowner remodeling process with what the Jurs' consider a more common sense approach to remodeling. The homeowner meets with a qualified Design/Build team. The team's designer and construction manager review the project ideas. Together they create preliminary designs along with a realistic budget to help the homeowner understand their options based upon potential design considerations along with a detailed product list. Armed with this information, intelligent decisions can be made by




Heated floors and marble tile warm this completely reconfigured master bath with walk-in shower that is well-appointed for retirees.



Retired homeowners start each morning with a cup of coffee and a view in their custom-designed four seasons room, complete with a gas fireplace.

the homeowner with full knowledge of the end cost. Only after this process is complete are final design and construction drawings completed. The project then transitions smoothly back to the construction manager whose field team completes the project as designed, greatly minimizing any surprises to the homeowner.

A comprehensive design process when tackling a home renovation saves homeowners time, money and ultimately heartache. The remodeling of a new kitchen, the master suite bath, an addition or whole house renovation will be much more satisfying when the process is a pleasure, the bank doesn't break, and all it takes is a little common sense. 

To find out more about 25 years of "Common Sense Remodeling" with Advance Design Studio, Ltd., and to see more of this project, visit us at AdvanceDesignStudio.com or call us at 847-836-2600.

About the home's redesign: The project featured is a lovely home in Lake Zurich that was recently re-designed, including a new kitchen, three bedrooms converted into a one bedroom ranch with multi-purpose home office, a four seasons addition, and new master suite with luxurious bath, closet, and laundry for retirees relocating to be near their grandchildren.

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