James Barton Design-Build turns one family’s to-do list into a transformed living space

The Yungs dreamed of a warm and welcoming environment where their family could enjoy time together. However, their two-story home was in need of overdue renovations and the kitchen simply wasn’t large enough for their family anymore.

“We are the original owners of the home and after 20 years of wear and tear with four children and two dogs, it was time. Our main level needed repairs for deferred maintenance, but it also needed an updated look,” explained the Yungs.

Beyond the necessary upkeep, the Yungs had added to their wish list aesthetic and functional elements that could be achieved during the renovation.

“We wanted to remodel the entire main floor, including increasing the size of the kitchen and improving the traffic flow, incorporating an island with seating, changing the flooring material from tile and carpet to hardwood flooring throughout, updating the cabinetry, millwork and countertops to a more modern look, replacing windows with Marvin casement windows, and installing new stairway railings,” David Yung said. “Our main level had a very traditional look to it, so our goal was to give it a more contemporary look and feel.”

Over the next month, James Barton Design-Build transformed the home’s main floor to match the Yungs’ vision. The team began by removing the old tile and carpeting, replacing it with dark maple hand-scraped wood flooring to foster a consistently warm ambience. The original stained trim was also replaced with chic enameled millwork to accentuate the richness of the wood floors.
A Note from James

It’s hard to believe that it’s already September and once again we are preparing for our Fall Showcase. The Remodelers Showcase gives homeowners a great opportunity to see our work, meet with our team members, and possibly get some ideas for your next home renovation.

The remodeling industry is seeing a steady growth along with an increase in project size. If you’re ready to begin your next project, small or large, we hope JBDB and James Barton Home Services (windows, siding, roofing, gutters, interior/exterior tile and stone) will continue to earn your repeat business and referrals. Don’t forget to visit our website to learn more about the JBDB Referral program.

We hope you stop by and see our work and find out why “It’s good to be home”!

Best regards,

James Madsen
President, James Barton Design-Build & James Barton Home Services

JBDB installed new energy efficient windows which gave the main level an abundance of natural light. Recessed lighting added a clean modern look that the family desired.

Many of the Yungs’ dreams were centered on remodeling their kitchen area. The JBDB team began by extending the back of the house to add more square footage, creating a more spacious feeling. This expansion also featured a sliding glass door that opened up to the home’s new concrete backyard patio.

For the kitchen’s focal point, the team chose a charming fire clay backsplash that played perfectly off the family’s custom cabinets and granite countertops. Counter space was increased as the old laminate island was substituted for one nearly double its size with drawers, electrical outlets, and cabinetry. Among the kitchen’s many new luxuries was a built-in beverage area to provide the family with additional refrigeration options.

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To encourage a seamless atmosphere between the dining area and family room, the team removed the half railing that divided the two rooms. This simple fix completed the open concept the family so desired. The highlight of the living room’s renovation was revamping the fireplace’s original brick-and-mortar design. Using cultured stone, the JBDB team turned the outdated gas fireplace into an updated centerpiece for the family’s living space.

The Yungs’ final wish was to revitalize the floor’s bathroom with elegant yet contemporary elements. Top of the line fixtures were installed along with a new vanity with a granite countertop.

“Throughout this transformation, we were able to deliver on each feature and concept the family had been dreaming about – and we’re extremely proud of the final result,” said James Madsen of JBDB. “We’re hoping the family loves their new spaces for another 20 years.”

When most people think of adding square footage to their home, an addition is first to come to mind. A great way to also add usable square footage is re-evaluating space you may already have such as an unfinished basement. Finishing a basement offers the best price per square foot of any remodeling project with the return on investment of 72.8% national average (Remodeling Magazine “Cost vs. Value Report”, 2015).

James Barton Design-Build has worked with homeowners to create finished lower levels with multi-functional spaces that are unique to them. These have included such spaces as family/rec rooms, home theaters, pubs/bars, wine cellars and storage, guest suites, home offices, exercise rooms, and kids play zones. Whether it be a home brewery or a collection of vintage bottle caps you want incorporated into a backsplash, JBDB is excited and ready to design and build your custom space for you and your guests to enjoy.

Meet New JBDB Team Member Courtney Johnson!

Courtney’s Bachelor’s degree in Interior Design has led to many successful projects over the years in both new construction and remodeling. Her favorite part of the design process is working with homeowners to discover the solutions that fit their families’ lifestyles. Attention to detail, creativity, and an easy-going demeanor are reasons why homeowners enjoy working with Courtney so much.
Bright and Airy Master Bathroom

A modern, open concept feel was created by first eliminating all internal walls within the bathroom in order to open up the footprint. A walk-in shower with a clear, frameless glass shower panel was added as to not inhibit any view. Elegant glass mosaics were used to highlight the shower. An open concept vanity was custom designed and installed with industrial inspired drawer pulls. The quartz from the shower bench was repeated on the vanity top and accented with the glass mosaic at the backsplash. A pocket door with reeded privacy glass promoted the open concept feel.

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- Kitchen Remodeling & Updates
- Bathroom Remodeling & Updates
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