

Lasting Impressions

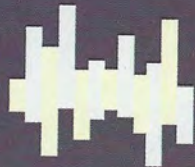
Whether you knew what the "before" looked like or not, the "after" shots of our 2011 Remodel of the Year winners have us poring over the details of each project. Turn the page to find your own favorite ideas then go to our website to compare — in some cases you won't believe the difference!



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2011 REMODEL OF THE YEAR

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The Anderson family wanted a little something more from their current living quarters, so they decided to build. However, in the process of designing and finalizing plans, they came across their current location in Lawrence's Lake Alvarado community. With a lot of love

and renovation talent from the design team, the Andersons remodeled this split-level house into one that everyone needs to see, incorporating modern architecture and design and custom-built elements, while reusing and donating as much as possible.



TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

The significant exterior makeover features texture, definition, elevations and details (even more so when compared to the before photo). Exposed timbers and stone pillars substantiate the outside of the home, with the timber repeated in details along the eaves and gables. The existing stucco walls were refinished, and a natural stone veneer was added to the lower half. A covered front porch defines the main entrance; the back showcases new canopies that shelter an outdoor living space, with kitchen, TV, fireplace and heaters as well as immediate access to the new pool, hot tub, shower and carriage house, featuring salvaged items from the remodel.



RICH INGREDIENTS

As you turn the corner from the entryway into the kitchen, the current layout, design, functionality and color of the culinary center will blow you away. The enlarged space houses full-height, custom-made cabinetry by Royal Fixtures; refrigerator; hidden TV; built-in coffee station; and a pullout pantry unit, leaving the custom-designed hood with range and blue glass wall tiles — three colors, two finishes, all sizes — to be the focal point. The large island with quartz countertop provides a prep sink, tons of countertop space and seating for four. A custom-designed 10-foot-long buffet cabinet divides the kitchen from the great room, highlighting the step between the spaces and eliminating the need for a railing. It's made of solid walnut planks wrapped with Corian and offers more storage and countertop space for entertaining.



THAT'S QUITE AN ENTRANCE

The original split level was eliminated, while a second story was added. The updated floor plan allows the elegant dining room and home office to flank the entrance, where the quarter-sawn white oak flooring leads arriving guests into the home with immediate attention drawn to the clean-lined stair tower and cast glass ball chandelier, an extraordinary pairing.



REAPPLY HERE

The brilliant blue powder bath, off the main entrance, sports a concrete countertop made by Atlas Archimedes, a company based in Lawrence. It's topped with a bamboo sink, which coordinates with the color of the new hardwood floors.



LUXURIOUS SUDS

The renovated master bathroom features travertine stone and glass mosaic tiles on custom his-and-her walnut vanities separated by a deep whirlpool tub. A walk-in shower with body sprays incorporates glass corners for natural light. Other hot topics in this space include a walk-in closet, radiant heat floors, Kansas Plaza gray limestone countertops and vessel sinks.



FAMILY TIME

While the kitchen might be the most impressive space in the home, the great room is where the family hangs out the most, especially with its direct access to the terrace and pool. "We use it the most to watch movies, and it's a great open space that flows well between the inside and out," one homeowner says. "It's great for entertaining." The concrete hearth with custom walnut mantel provides a focal point of its own, as the fireplace incorporates the stone found on the exterior.



ON TASK

Floor-to-ceiling windows and built-in walnut shelving units highlight the home office. With desks overlooking the landscaping and a comfy couch for brainstorming sessions, this user-friendly and well-designed space is just the place to get the creative juices flowing.

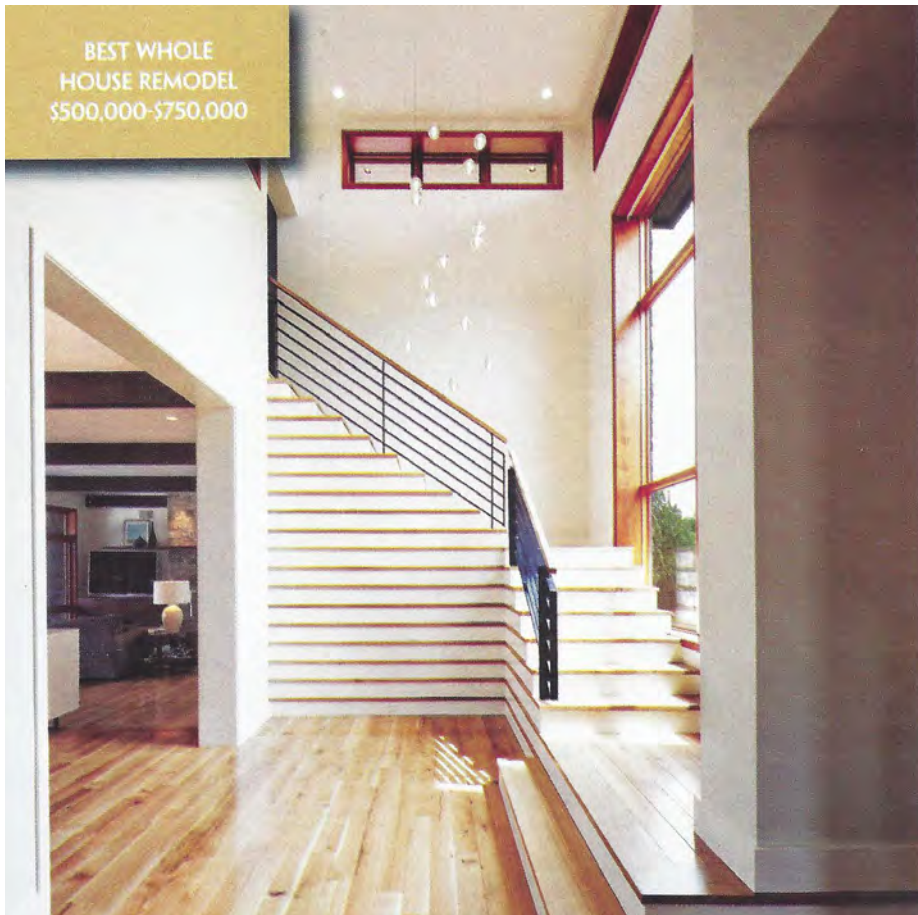


LOUNGE IN STYLE

The Anderson boys spend lots of time in their stylish upstairs loft, playing video games and basketball and watching TV. Each boy has his own desk for homework, too. The space is padded with numerous shades of blue InterfaceFLOR tiles, the main accent color in the home. Each boy also has his own bedroom suite upstairs, including individually decorated bathrooms — one features green glass tiles, the other blue. ●

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BEST WHOLE
HOUSE REMODEL
\$500,000-\$750,000



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The Goal: To meet the family's growing needs in a contemporary fashion.

The Challenge: Adding a second story to the split-level home and incorporating already-purchased materials.

The Result: This whole-home remodel included a new front porch and canopies with exposed timber and stone pillars as well as a raised roof, a second-floor addition with two children's bedrooms and loft, a stair tower for access to the new floor and all new windows. The raised kitchen area was enlarged and easily flows into the dining room and adjoining hearth room, while the new backyard includes a pool, hot tub, shower, kitchen, TV, heaters and fireplace.