

a phased approach to a  
**Major Interior Makeover**



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In the current housing climate many are looking to their existing residences for ideas in how to achieve the home for which they've always dreamed. We at Alliance Custom Cabinetry were excited to take up this challenge in a vintage stone home and detached garage. The home built in the late 1800's, proved a perfect backdrop to mix current design trends in with the old-world esthetics. The scope of this project included converting the second floor of the garage to a recreational area, along with a full remodel of the main house's master bath, kitchen, dining room, and mudroom. It was decided to attack the project in phases as to not completely disrupt the family.

The first phase was the garage's 2nd floor (this page photos). Once completed, the family could move into this space for the duration of the work on the main house. The sloping roofline made tapping into the popular floating shelf trend an excellent choice for the available wall space, avoiding the distraction of oddly angled wall cabi-

nets. A long wall of storage crafted out of knotty walnut showcases the beauty of the natural wood, complementing its rustic surroundings. Through the remodel several of the old boards original to the structure were able to be salvaged and used to create a custom bathroom vanity authentic to the space. The creation of this recreation area gave a cozy relaxing place for the

family to maintain some semblance of normalcy while the phase involving the main house got underway.

The master bath and hall area (opposite page) were the first spaces in the main house to receive a face lift. Showcasing large framed mirrors to match the cabinetry, and trim to the ceiling accentuating the 9' ceilings. Locating

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the makeup desk by the large exterior window in the hall nook facilitates much desired natural light for the task.

The main house renovation benefitted from the removal of a dividing wall between the kitchen and dining room, transforming into a spacious open floor plan. One of the challenges this presented was due to the existing corner fireplace in the dining room partially situated on the dividing wall set for removal. Due to the age of the house and uniqueness of this original feature the hope was to keep the fireplace intact. The kitchen was laid out in such a way as to take advantage of the extra wall space provided by



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the back of the fireplace while incorporating the fireplace surround as an extension of the cabinetry itself. The result was a seamless transition from kitchen utility to the warmth of the fireplace feature in the dining area (below left). Paneled appliances and a custom designed hood add an extra touch of luxury. Metal accents on the hood, created by a local metal shop and custom matched to the selected hardware, pull the design together. An oversized island with plenty of seating completes this space making for a comfortable gathering place for family and friends (below right).

The dining room cabinetry (opposite page, middle and right) takes entertaining to the next level, with ample space to

store beverages and your favorite wine selections, refrigerated or at room temperature. A sink and icemaker gives the convenience of having everything you need in one area eliminating the need for guests to crowd the kitchen. Add in an integrated bench seat and you have a cozy spot to sit and relax. The beautiful display hutch gives some added storage and the opportunity to showcase some of your favorite dishware or glassware.

The mudroom brings some much needed organization to one of the generally more cluttered parts of the home. Enclosed coat storage and drawers below for shoe storage keeps everything tidy and out of site. This particular mudroom incorporated some fun features to allow the homeowner to care for her dogs in a more elegant manner. Included is a center double bin pullout to be used for dog food, dog dishes recessed into the bottom left drawer for the food to be scooped into and served, and a water station complete with a 'pot filler' faucet and surfaced with stone to match the counter to create a water proof niche for the dog's water bowls (opposite page, left). Extra-large corbels make for a pronounced statement within this space as well.

As you consider some of these features and design ideas and possibly think about embarking on your own remodel project there are a few things to keep in mind. Building and remodeling, often containing their share of challenges in and of themselves,

have seen new challenges arise recently with the economic climate and supply chain issues. Lead times have ballooned for many aspects of the endeavor. From contractor availability, to cabinetry construction timeframes, to appliance inventory, etc. lead times have grown and in some cases doubled or more from previous norms.

As you may be able to see, this project has not been immune. While 'complete' the homeowner is still without a couple appliances and awaiting a final window. One of the best ways to combat this is to make your selections and place orders as soon as possible. Waiting months and

months for items that used to be readily available is not unheard of. So while there may be additional hurdles these days, patience and planning can significantly mitigate most if not all of them. And the payoff of having a beautiful, comfortable environment for your family and space to gather with friends is well worth it.

For more information or help in connecting your inspiration into reality, please contact us. Your personality, values, choices, and wishes can all be woven into your new custom cabinetry and we can help you make it happen!

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*It has been a pleasure working with Dustin and Alliance Custom Cabinetry on several projects at our home, including a complete design of our carriage house barn, main house kitchen and master bath renovation, as well as several other rooms. Dustin did an amazing job of marrying creative with excellent functional design. I highly recommend Alliance Cabinetry for any custom cabinetry project.*

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