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~ Mother Teresa (1910–1997)



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REMODELING

Top Remodeling Projects for 2011

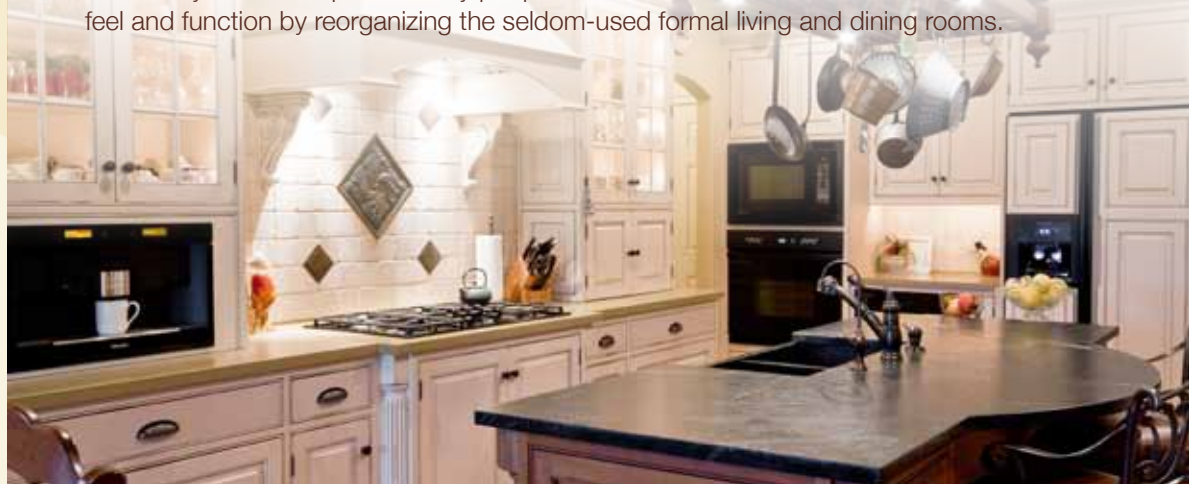
This past year has been challenging for homeowners and remodelers alike. The good news is that, although progress is slow, remodelers across the country say things are looking up.

Many homeowners are looking to the New Year with a renewed sense of optimism about remodeling their homes. Home prices have stabilized and the economy is moving in a more positive direction. Experienced remodeling contractors have found ways to lower their pricing to bring more value to the homeowners. Many people think that 2011 will be the best time we have seen in years to remodel a home.

The focus and trend will be on creative use of existing space and moderate sized additions. The use of color as a way to define space and bring out architectural features will continue to gain popularity. Kitchens will be made over to be brighter, open and less formal. Granite and quartz continue to be the countertops of choice, but soapstone is emerging as a unique alternative for an earthier feel in a solid surface countertop. Many kitchen and bathroom renovations will include cost effective techniques to recycle or renovate features rather than replacing everything.

There has been great interest in renewing fireplace areas to create family centered living. Give your old fireplace a facelift with a warm stone surround, raised hearth and perhaps even built-in bookshelves.

Creating open floor plans will be one of the leading home improvements of 2011. Formal spaces in the home will be repurposed by opening up existing walls and creating more usable family centered space. Many people will find that their home can take on a whole new feel and function by reorganizing the seldom-used formal living and dining rooms.



Top Remodeling Projects for 2011 Cont...

Master suites and bathrooms will also be designed around how we live our lives, with less focus on over the top extravagance. By focusing more on function and reasonable scale over flash, home remodels will have the feel and features we want without unsustainable budgets.

Integrating home energy performance improvements with various types of remodeling projects will continue to grow in popularity due to their positive return on investment. Homeowners are discovering that advances in building science have illustrated that there are numerous cost effective adjustments that can be made to their homes during a remodel. These adjustments and repairs will improve their energy bills and make their homes more comfortable at the same time.

Cost Effective Expansion

Are you looking for more space? Is your family growing? Do you need a home office? When you hear the word addition, most people associate it with expanding the footprint of your home. If you own a ranch, cape, or split level style home, have you ever considered adding a second floor? By building up instead of out, you can easily expand your home while still living in it during construction – saving you time, headaches and money. Since there is no need for foundation work, you cut 2-3 weeks off the overall duration of your project. Adding a second floor allows you to make dramatic changes to the curb appeal of your home and will certainly increase the re-sale value. Weaver has recently completed a 2-story addition in the Wayne area (pictured below) doubling the square footage of the home as well as updating mechanical systems and exteriors all in a short 10 weeks.

Another often-overlooked area for cost effective expansion is above your garage. Depending on the layout and size of your home, this type of project is minimally invasive and short in duration. This is a great area to add a master suite, additional bedroom, or in-home office

With energy efficiency at the forefront of the headlines, consider changing your 2-story foyer or great room to one story. This is a great way to add an additional bedroom, office, or playroom and increase your heating and cooling efficiency.

Contact Weaver today to explore more opportunities for cost effective expansions.

~Mike Steffey

Manager of Weaver Homes & Weaver Remodeling



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Before



After





Suburban HOME & GARDEN Show

The Home & Garden Show had a great turnout! Mike Steffey and Steve Gerhart had the opportunity to meet with lots of great people at our brand new booth. If you missed us at this show, you will find us at these upcoming events:



Lancaster BIA Spring Home Show

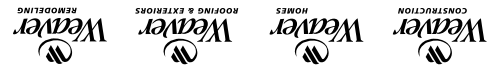
at Franklin & Marshall College
March 18-20

Greater Philadelphia Spring Home Show

at Valley Forge Convention Center
March 25-27

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