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Thrifty Ideas for a *Fabulous* Kitchen

Have you been scrutinizing your kitchen recently and wishing it had more in common with those spectacular kitchens you see on TV or in the magazines? In comparison, your kitchen looks worn out and dated. When you close your eyes, you can envision the stylish kitchen you long for; however, you do not have an unlimited

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Photo: Courtesy of Karran (www.karran.com)

The Edge series sinks from Karran can be bonded seamlessly into a laminate countertop.



BEAT THOSE BATHROOM BLUES!

Is your family bathroom shrinking? Does it seem a little overcrowded, now that the kids are growing? Or maybe you've been dreaming of a master bath that doubles as your private, spa-like retreat. Whatever your bathroom needs may be, **Forest Glen Construction** can take your existing bathroom and turn it into something functional and fabulous!

It could be that your bathroom needs a facelift. New cabinets, countertops, floors, and fixtures can give your bathroom new life. You can turn whatever you currently have into something completely different without any major construction or new plumbing. Or maybe you want to reconfigure the entire space. Move the tub and toilet to create more space for a bigger vanity, or expand the space by borrowing some square footage from an adjacent room. Whether you want to make minor, cosmetic changes, or you're looking for a complete bathroom overhaul, our team will work with you to create the bathroom that meets your family's needs and budget.

A few other ways to freshen up your bathroom include heated floors, unique sinks and vanities, and creative designs with tile. Our designers will help you find the perfect combination of colors, textures, fixtures, and tiles to create a bathroom that works for your family, and brings a little respite to your everyday life!



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Current research shows that the Baby Boomer generation is redefining the second half of life. They are staying healthier for a longer period of time than previous generations and, therefore, taking a more optimistic view of growing older.

As their kids leave home, Boomers in general are not choosing to move into retirement villages. They plan to remain an active and vital part of their multi-

generational communities for years to come. However, now that they are empty-nesters, their lifestyle is changing. They want their homes to function better for activities like entertaining and having occasional out-of-town guests.

Builder magazine's Concept Home 2012 for Gen-B was designed with the housing preferences of Boomers in mind. The 2,866 square foot home was on display

during the International Builder's Show in February, serving as an idea center for remodelers and builders in attendance. The Gen-B house is a one-story courtyard home with a wide-open floor plan that flows seamlessly into a private outdoor pool patio. The home includes a stepless front entry, first-floor master bedroom, wider-than-standard doorways, and non-slip floors—all preferences expressed in Boomer surveys. To accommodate a vibrant lifestyle, the home features a spacious kitchen that puts the chef in the spotlight at the island, perfect for in-home cooking classes. From the open kitchen, guests can move effortlessly into the family room and the dining room, which includes a full bar.

The home also provides a full second floor apartment for a bounce-back child or caregiver, and a guest suite for friends who are visiting. Both have private entries off the courtyard.

The master bedroom suite has easy access to the pool area. It also includes a large spa-like master bathroom, as well as a private study. The zero-threshold double shower includes one large built-in seat for two, plus hand showers and rain shower heads for each person. The study offers a quiet space with a separate entrance, perfect for tracking a stock portfolio or consulting with clients.

ROLL WITH

Does your home feel overcrowded and you are looking for ways to increase usable space without adding on? Consider this: a standard hinged door requires eight to ten square feet of floor space to swing open. This is basically wasted space in your home, since nothing else—such as a chair or table—can occupy that same floor space. Here are some attractive options:

A **pocket door** uses no floor space around an entry, but rather it slides within the wall, providing a clean, unobtrusive look to a room. The door hangs from a track mounted to the ceiling, with a guide placed at the door opening. Furniture or shelving may be placed along the wall next to the door opening.



Make a Motion



Photo: Courtesy of Casablanca (www.casablancafan.com)

Panama is one of Casablanca's most legendary designs. It is powered by an energy efficient DC motor and is Energy Star qualified.

Many people think of a ceiling fan as a fixture that is useful for climate control only during warm times of the year. In fact, a ceiling fan can be an energy saving device year around. Two important qualifiers: Can the spinning of your fan's blades be reversed in direction, and is your fan energy efficient?

Running a ceiling fan on a warm day creates a wind chill effect that can make a room feel cooler than it actually is. This allows you to set the thermostat higher and still feel comfortable, thereby not spending as much on air conditioning. In the winter, heated air rises and accumulates near the ceiling. By running your ceiling fan in reverse, the warm



Photo: Courtesy of Emerson (www.emersonfans.com)

Emerson's Midway Eco CF955 fan uses the EcoMotor, which runs on a little as 17.5 watts of energy, and is also the quietest motor Emerson provides. The fan is Energy Star qualified.

air is recirculated throughout the room. You can set your thermostat lower, which helps save money on the heating bill. Both ways, a ceiling fan is a wise investment for you and the environment.

An additional way to save energy is to purchase an Energy Star compliant, high-efficiency ceiling fan that employs a direct current (DC) motor. Fans with direct current motors use up to 75% less electricity than typical ceiling fans, since they utilize a built-in magnetic drive to keep the fan circulating. Since ceiling fans use very little energy to begin with (approx. a penny per hour), a high-efficiency model brings the operating costs down to practically nothing.



Photo: Courtesy of Fanimation (www.fanimation.com)

The Landan ceiling fan by Fanimation uses only 54 watts of electricity to operate both the light and fan on high. It features a DC motor, and energy saving, long lasting LED lighting. This fan is Energy Star qualified.

THE CHANGES



Photo: Courtesy of Johnson Hardware (www.johnsonhardware.com)

A wall-mounted sliding door (photo right) has a track-and-roller system that attaches directly to the wall, reminiscent

of barn doors. The hangers either can be exposed for an industrial look, or hidden in a fascia for a more finished look. Unlike pocket doors, these doors remain outside the wall and therefore are an ideal solution for walls constructed of concrete block or brick, or for wood-framed walls containing pipes or wiring. Furniture may be placed beside the doorway without interfering with the door's operation.

Additional benefits: Pocket doors and sliding doors both offer a Universal Design solution, since it is not necessary for a person to remain clear of the door as it is swinging open. Also, if a person is needing help from behind a closed door, easy access may be gained from either side. To meet ADA requirements, a pocket door must open with no more than 5 lbs. of pressure.



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remodeling budget! With the following ideas (and more), we can help you get that high-style look you're hoping for.

1. Plastic laminate has come a long way, with new patterns that realistically mimic exotic stone and granite. Substituting laminate for granite can help trim costs. Formica recently introduced a new curved edge treatment that increases the visual appeal of laminate by eliminating flat edges and brown seams.
2. Show off your laminate countertop with a stylish new kitchen sink designed specifically for use with laminates. The Karran Edge series offers undermount sinks in acrylic and stainless steel. Kohler's Vault collection offers a top-mount apron-front stainless steel sink with an ultra-thin rim.
3. Many kitchens have a basic, ho-hum faucet. Create a fashionable focal point that everyone will notice in



Photo: Courtesy of Formica (www.formica.com)

Formica's Bianca Luna pattern is modeled after White Quartzite.

your kitchen by choosing a high-arc faucet with a pull-down spray. You will love the added functionality! Select a Water Sense labeled faucet for the benefit of savings on your water bill.

4. Create storage walls that combine inexpensive open shelving, with the convenience and beauty of cabinets with pull-out drawers. It is a stylish, yet highly practical mix.
5. Install a new cabinet-depth refrigerator that offers the contemporary look of an integrated built-in without the expense of a built-in.
6. Design a classy backsplash with relatively inexpensive field tile, while covering the remaining walls with a coordinating paint color.



Photo: Courtesy of Kohler (www.kohler.com)

The newest Vault sink by Kohler features a 7-inch apron, perfect for retrofits.