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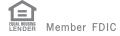
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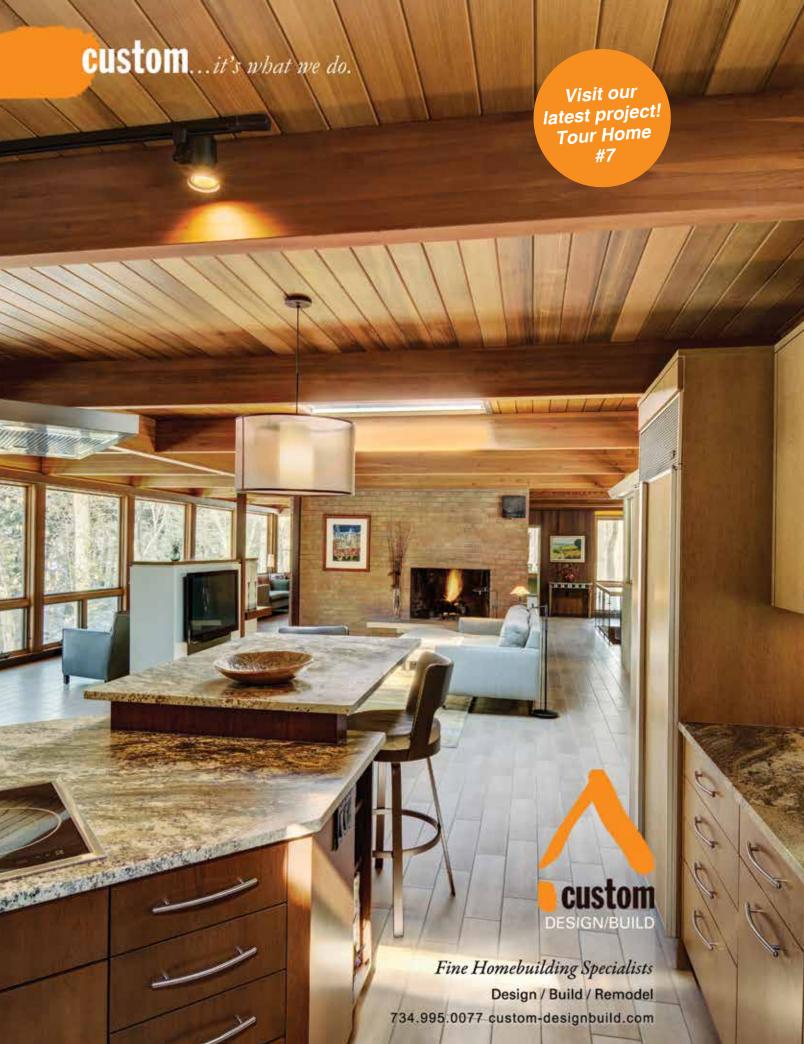




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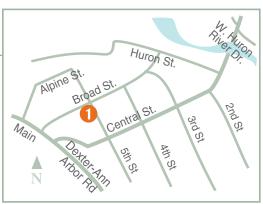


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3252 W. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor

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Set in a quiet stretch of the Huron River, this stunning home was built to take in everything this picturesque lot has to offer. Originally built in the '70s as a vacation spot and then remodeled in the '90s, this home was able to take advantage of the generous setback requirements of the time allowing for decks and a curved bay of windows that are cantilevered towards the river - beckoning all that enter the home.

Our clients purchased the house in 2015 and approached Meadowlark to help bring the home into the new century. A redesign of the kitchen to maximize the river views along with a reconfiguration of the Master Suite and mudroom areas and updates to all of the bathrooms left no part of this home untouched during this whole-home remodel.

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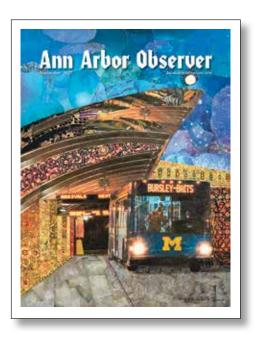


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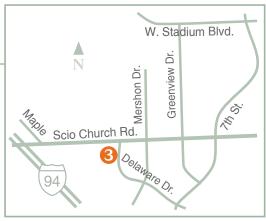
Michael Christie Photography

2030 Delaware Drive, Ann Arbor

This 1960's home was in need of some help to stay up with the open floor plans of today. Holding captive 4 independent rooms on the first floor, the layout was no longer working for the family of four. The homeowners came in with some great ideas and working closely with Sheryl (Alpha's designer) came up with a floor plan and amenities that fit the bill. Both bearing and non bearing walls were removed requiring redirection of electrical, plumbing, heating and cold air ducts. A main support beam was added to further open up the space and create a flow that allows for family interaction as well as a great entertaining space. A brand new kitchen layout featuring Pioneer cabinets, high end appliances, Quartz Countertops and LED lighting brought this home into modern times.

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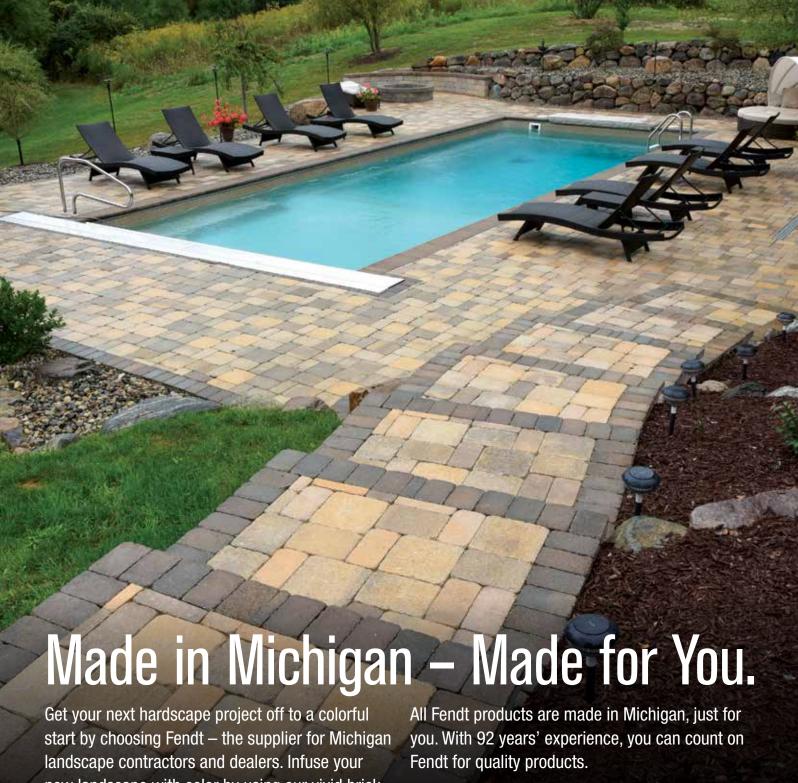
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Whole House Remodel at an Historical Home, Old West Side, Ann Arbor







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442 2nd Street, Ann Arbor

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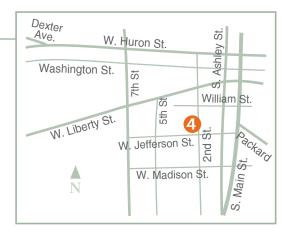
While possessing lots of charm, the home was awkward and limiting to live in. New renovation designs from two different design-builders hadn't met the owner's goals, so the Acheson design team was called in.

With creative problem solving, attentive listening, and abundant experience, the Acheson team was able to meet both the homeowner's goals and the Historic District requirements. Relocating/improving the main stairs, turned out to be one of the keys in reconfiguring this home to meet a growing family's needs. Come see the spectacular outcome!

- · New rear addition encompasses kitchen, dining and family rooms
- · Lots of custom cabinetry and custom built-ins
- · Elegant custom staircase near foyer
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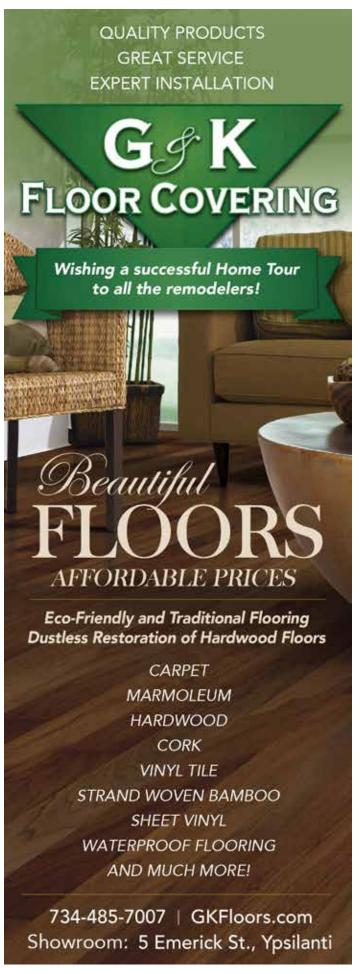


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DEXTER BUILDERS

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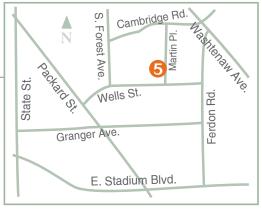
CJ South Photography

1132 Martin Place, Ann Arbor

Our customers recently moved to Ann Arbor and purchased this Burns Park home to raise their family. When we first met with them the house was dated with lots of small rooms and lacked a master suite. Our design team put together a plan that opened the floorplan on the main floor and added a second floor Master Suite Addition and laundry.

About Dexter Builders

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From the east: From Washtenaw Ave., turn onto Cambridge and head west. Turn left onto Maritn Place. The home is on the right.

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1160 Heather Way, Ann Arbor

This project was a collaboration between MBK Constructors, Lewis Greenspoon Architects and Bonnie Wu Design. This well-kept mid-century ranch, built in 1959, needed to shake off its distinctly 90's interior. The concept was to convert it to a modern family-friendly house by creating a spacious living room connected to the kitchen, adding a functional mudroom and master suite.

Additionally, we reclaimed square footage in a too-large den, remodeled all bathrooms and improved lighting throughout. Keeping the era of the house in mind, we used materials and finishes appropriate to the original style while also trying to inject a hip vibe. The "cool" factor is highlighted by the custom designed rebut linear gas fireplace in the main living area.

About the Remodeler, Architect, and Designer

MBK Constructors specializes in design/build and architect designed remodels. Whole house remodels, additions, structural repairs, foundations, custom designed homes and commercial renovations. Customer satisfaction and quality is our mission statement since 1995.

Lewis Greenspoon Architects is a full-service design firm offering creative solutions for their clients and their buildings. LGA specializes in both residential and commercial building types.

Bonnie Wu Design, LLC is an Ann Arbor based interior design firm focused on bringing a fresh and refined perspective to our client's spaces.



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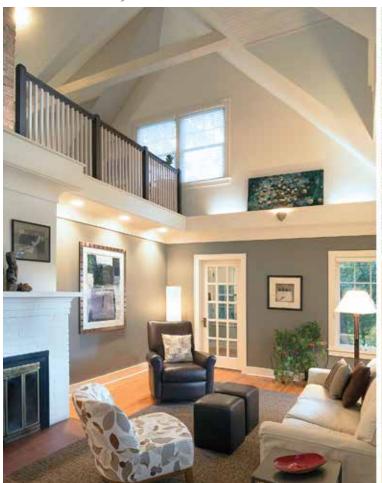
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Second Story Addition with Whole House Remodel









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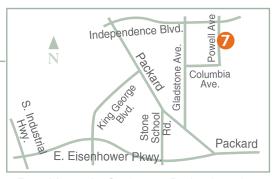
<u>Project #1:</u> Features a 2nd story addition with loft, bath and bedroom anchored by an airy cathedral ceiling, white-washed beams and a soaring, central fireplace. The 1st floor sports a lovely new Master Suite, elegant, dual use, Powder Room and spacious rear entry foyer.

<u>Project #2:</u> A cook's delight, this gourmet kitchen features an expansive and "touchable" live-edge, oak island, countertop bay addition, alder cabinets and cleverly tailored built-ins to provide an organic sense of warmth and efficiency.

<u>Project #3:</u> A bold new palette with furniture-quality finishes blends the best of Old World craft with contemporary sophistication to bring this 1938 home into its own as a fashionable, urban retreat!

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Kitchen Remodel with Addition and First Floor Improvements



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1669 Arlington Blvd., Ann Arbor

GOALS:

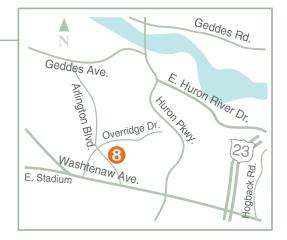
Our clients are in the process of creating their forever home. We are showcasing Phase One of a two phase project. Phase One is a complete interior remodel with a kitchen addition, however, we are only showcasing the first floor. Our clients desired an enlarged kitchen, an updated first floor with improved sightlines, and a functional family entry. All of this in a classic colonial style. Phase Two will be an exterior facelift.

OUR DESIGN BUILD SOLUTION:

Our solution creates a stunning large kitchen that serves as the central hub of the home. The small but powerful bump-out addition provides the space needed for a large central island with plenty of seating and storage. To improve visibility and circulation, three walls were opened up between the kitchen, dining, family and living rooms, while still maintaining a sense of place for their rooms' function. The updated family entry features a large oak bench with painted cubbies and direct access to the back yard. The new family room features a stunning bookcase assembly that seamlessly hides a large television. Custom woodwork and trim details were also incorporated throughout the space including at the staircase railing and family room coffered ceiling.

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Whole House Remodel



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1514 Charlton Ave., Ann Arbor

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Our clients desired to stay in their neighborhood but their existing home was not meeting their spatial or functional needs. Our goal was to completely transform their two bedroom bungalow into a craftsman style forever home.

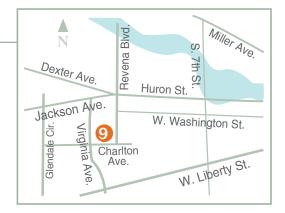
OUR DESIGN BUILD SOLUTION:

A second story addition featuring a true master suite with a laundry room, as well as a guest suite, was the driving factor for change. The relocation of bedrooms opened up the main level for more public spaces. The first floor was completely re-organized and features a central kitchen and dining room, with a large back family room that opens up to a new screen porch. This room is now flooded with natural light and compliments the kitchen with its custom walnut accent wall.

The overall design is inspired by American Craftsman style with a mixture of contemporary elements. Moreover, quartz countertops, elegant light fixtures and contrasting white and gray cabinets were selected to a create an updated feel. Also, exposed brick, floor to ceiling bookcases, and pocket doors hold true to its original nature. The relocated kitchen remains at the heart of the home, and is highlighted by the custom made walnut waterfall bar top.

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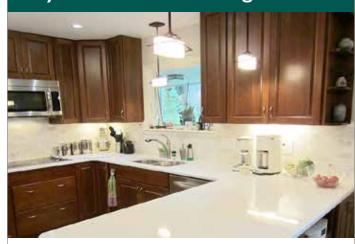
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GIRAFFE DESIGN BUILD

Kitchen Renovation





CJ South Photography

2385 W. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor

Our Clients wanted an inspired kitchen that communicated naturally with the rest of the house and scenic setting. Active collaborators in both the design and build process, they partnered with Giraffe Design Build to transform their small, dated, kitchen from an afterthought into a central, vibrant, hub for their living space.

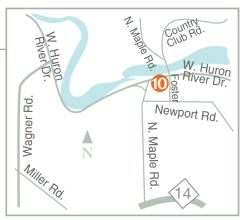
The axis of the kitchen shifted from East-West to North-South to enjoy direct interaction with the dining room and its views overlooking the Huron River. Underutilized hallway space was embraced and connected with an expansive, open, vaulted ceiling.

While the kitchen doubled in size in its evolution to a functional space with appropriate scale in the home, the original aesthetic remained honored in the selection of natural materials, including an exquisite granite countertop with deep earthy tones and texture. Combined with the floor, cabinet, and ceiling finishes, the result evokes a Northern Michigan cottage retreat without sacrificing any functionality of a modern day kitchen.

The design and build process was highly collaborative, and even saw the homeowners swinging a hammer with the Giraffe crew for portions of the work. While not typical, it added an extra sense of intimacy between the finished space and its owners, as well as an enriched and enjoyable partnership experience for Giraffe.

About Giraffe Design Build

Giraffe Design Build crafts partnerships with homeowners to create living spaces that delight. Based on careful study of site, thoughtful integration of new and existing elements, and above all, a clear understanding of our clients' desires, Giraffe delivers an inspired sense of HOME.



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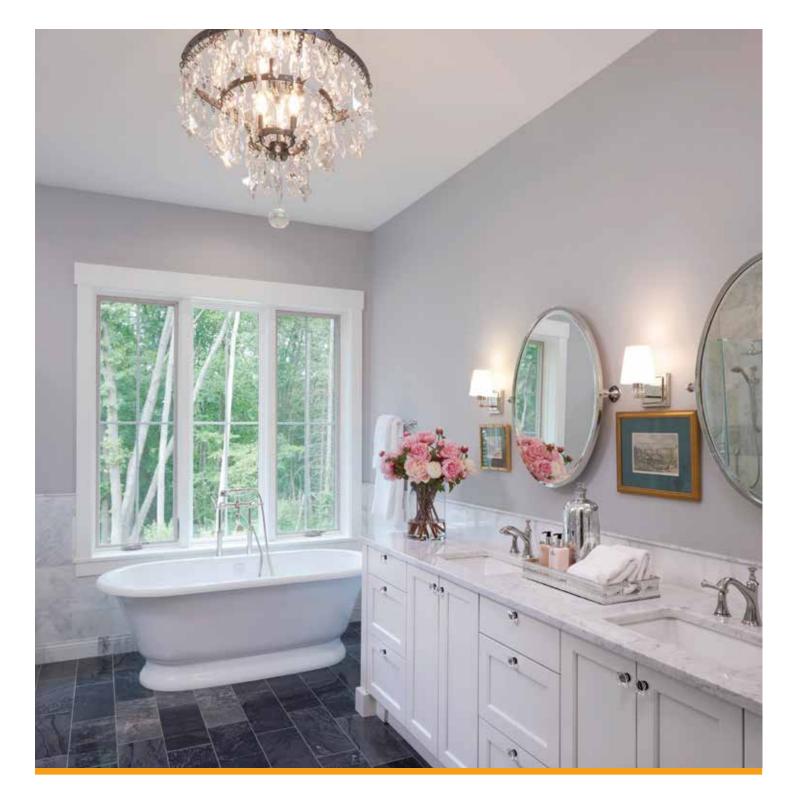
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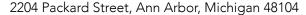
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