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Things Are Looking UP!

As you are gathering ideas for your next remodeling project, you may be eagerly thinking about your walls and floors, windows and lighting, cabinets and countertops. But have you remembered to look up? Even though ceilings typically comprise one-sixth of all interior space, they are an oft-forgotten landscape in the home when it comes time to renovate.

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We are always looking for ways to improve our customer service and our clients' remodeling experience. For this reason **Keilty Remodeling** has implemented two new programs that afford peace of mind to our clients and help us serve future clients even better.

First, we implemented a Drug Free Workplace policy. We are pleased to provide this level of commitment to our employees and our clients. Several of our subcontractors also have Drug Free Workplace policies. The others have been working with us for many years and we know they are trustworthy. This means that you can feel comfortable with the people we have working in your home.

We have also signed up with Guild Quality—a national survey company. This gives us the opportunity to make sure our clients are happy with our services and allows us to learn from our clients how we can do even better. Some of our most recent clients have already received the survey and we want to say "Thank You" for taking the time to complete it.

We look forward to serving you! Your referrals are always appreciated! ■

GO with the FLOW

The serene sound of gently flowing water has a unique ability to soothe the mind and rejuvenate the soul. When this sound is brought indoors, such as at a spa, it has the additional benefit of helping us make a connection with nature—even from within the four walls of a room. As you close your eyes, you can let your imagination whisk you away to a peaceful garden next to a bubbling stream.

Now imagine returning home from a stressful day and being greeted by the tranquil sounds of a water feature installed in your own kitchen or master bath! Experience the pressures beginning to dissolve.

As you are planning for your water feature, keep in mind that the style you choose should blend with the interior design of the rest of your home, whether it has a more rustic and natural feel or a very sleek, contemporary look. The water feature's size and shape can vary greatly, and it may be a freestanding unit or hung on the wall like a painting. Built-in lighting that captures the glimmers of the moving water as it flows over the surface adds drama.

A wide variety of materials can be used to create your water feature: slate, marble, copper, steel, pebbles, river rock, glass and acrylic, to name a few. You may want to have it custom-designed to fit into a specific area of your home—such as an alcove at the front entrance, or in your bathroom. In this case, some of the same stone or tile used on your floor and/or wall surfaces can be incorporated into the design so that the water feature is beautifully integrated with the rest of the room. The result is something totally unique and personal. A less expensive option is to purchase one of the many handmade pre-designed units available. Either way, a water feature can complement your décor as an unusual piece of “water art” that also adds the enjoyment of relaxing sounds.



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Glass panel and pebble waterfall.



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Hand-chiseled multi-color slate in a copper frame.

OPEN SESAME ◀ |||

You gather the orange rinds to toss in the composter under your kitchen counter. With both hands full, you simply touch the cabinet with your knee, and the drawer holding the composter slides open automatically. After you deposit the rinds and peels, you gently push the drawer with your knee and it closes quietly and effortlessly. No need to worry about sticky hands touching the drawer handle. Everything stays neat and clean!

These impressive technological marvels are brought to you by Blum, Inc., a manufacturer of functional hardware for kitchen cabinets. The Blumotion closing mechanism has been offered by Blum for several years and has received a lot of attention from cabinet manufacturers who have been installing it into their kitchen drawers.

The new Servo-Drive automatic drawer-opening feature was introduced at the 2008 Kitchen and Bath Industry Show. This new development is based on an electrical drive that, once triggered, opens the drawer for you. The drawer has no fixed connection to the drive unit, which enables it to stop in any desired position. Servo-Drive is also a welcome device for persons who have arthritis or any other condition that makes it difficult to open standard drawers.



Photo: Courtesy of Blum (www.blum.com)



Before



After

The Great R-O-O-M Effect

The tight U-shaped configuration of our clients' existing kitchen made the space feel small and confining. Keilty Remodeling opened up their kitchen, making the area larger and more functional by removing the pantry, relocating the double-oven cabinet, and replacing the peninsula with an island. We also moved the doorway to the dining room slightly to improve traffic flow through the kitchen and around the new island. The hardwood flooring was then extended into the living room, giving the area a true great room effect. Updated appliances, granite countertops, pendant fixtures over the island, and a warm color palette throughout transform this room into an inviting gathering spot for the entire family. ■



After



Before