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single level living

Aging in Place with Style

You've enjoyed living in your home for years, but as you age, the way you live in your home may change. Whether it's because your kids have grown up and moved out, or maybe they moved back, you might begin to prefer the convenience of single level living. Rather than downsizing and moving away from the home where you've shared so many memories, an addition or remodel may be the perfect solution. That was the case in this home. Taking advantage of the property's view of the mountains, we designed a spacious master suite addition off the back corner of the home with an expansive bay window seating area and it's own entry to the fenced in back yard.

The master bedroom is an open design with vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, and sustainable cork flooring that provides a warm and giving feel to the space. The closet includes plenty of vertical storage, and its interior height allows for a small chandelier over the built in dresser with a maintenance-free quartz counter top. The bathroom continues with the soft gray and white colors, quartz counters, and Wellborn cabinetry. Vertical glass tiles above the dual sink match the same accent in the large barrier-free shower, bisecting the horizontal flow of the shower wall tiles, which are also used on the heated floor. The shower includes recessed storage, seating, and a linear drain with no threshold for easy accessibility. In addition to these beautiful features are some improvements that are not so obvious, such as the additional HVAC hidden in the bathroom closet providing separate temperature control from the rest of the home.



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Bedroom, Closet, and Bath Storage:

Utilize the space where your HVAC is located. We added display shelving to display personal items. Behind the lower cabinet doors is a space specifically designed to house the family pets. As you can see the space was designed for the crates to fit in the space. Close to exterior door for easy access to the outside. Close off when not in use. Easily accessible, easily stored and out of site.

CUSTOM STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Closets can be customized to suit your needs. By working with a designer you can create a space for your personal items, such as shoes, clothing, handbags, hats, drawer space and counter space. When adding or remodeling your shower area make sure you think about what you will need to store. There are tons of options to create the storage space that is right for you. Storage in the bath is a necessity from personal items, to makeup and medicine. Make sure your cabinetry can accommodate your needs.



How To Avoid

SCAMS

senior TIPS:

Senior homeowners can be vulnerable targets for construction scams. Here are some *things you should know* and some *things you shouldn't do*.

Ask friends and neighbors for referrals.

Don't let salespeople inside your home unless you called for them to come to your house. And if you do, don't let them see where you keep your wallet, purse, or checkbook.

Check the ID of every repairman or contractor, and verify the contractor's license with the Board for Contractors at www.dpor.virginia.gov or by calling 804-367-8511.

Don't pay cash and don't pay for materials up front. Do include a payment schedule in your contract.

Always get a written and signed contract for home improvements and repairs. Verbal agreements are illegal and non-binding

Don't be persuaded by high pressure sales or scare tactics. If you feel uncomfortable with who you are interviewing, look for someone else.



If you ever have questions, call us at 540-951-3505. We're here to help!

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Utility Room VS Girl's Cave

Problem:

A Room with No Room
This was an example of a poorly designed space where a wall was in the way of entering this laundry room, which was also being used for storage. Maybe the wall was there to hide the room's contents.



Solution: Go Vertical

We increased the size of this room by stealing under utilized space from the garage. We worked with the client to develop custom storage solutions for their needs, with built-ins like a pull-out sewing machine and a chalkboard paint/metal wall for household communication. We also incorporated some of the space for a variety of shelving options, and the room was transformed into a "Girl's Cave" with plenty of counter space for laundry, crafts, and more!