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Top Kitchen and Bath Remodeling Trends for 2009

The hottest design trends in kitchen and bath remodeling for 2009 were selected by the **National Kitchen & Bath Association** and from the **Kitchen/Bath Industry Show & Conference**. You can expect to see these design elements in home tours as well as find them as you shop for materials and ideas for your remodel.

Steel Counters- stainless steel countertops are a new favorite creating a sleek, modern look that tie in with appliances. Tying in commercial-style stainless with warm cherry cabinets and natural stone floors creates a contemporary yet comfortable feel.

Black and White Kitchens-The dramatic contrast of black and white color schemes give visual interest, and provide a versatile, functional design that blend together for a simple feel.

Green Products-This is the fastest growing category. Companies are providing more eco-friendly materials and consumers love them. They cost less and are stylish. Products that conserve energy

and water are also being sought out.

Affordable Style Products-Stylish products that don't cost an arm and a leg are in vogue providing more options and incentives for homeowners.

Pop Colors-Bright colors are being used in appliances and cabinets. It's an easy way to customize your home.

Visual Blending between Kitchen & Living Space-Furniture-style pieces like armoires are showing up in kitchens and concealed appliances make a kitchen blur into the living area.

Products that offer Automation/Technology-Products that offer time savings and convenience are a hit; like those with sensors or ovens practically cook on their own.

Tin Ceilings-adding visual interest to a kitchen or an in-house office room, tin ceilings provide a focal point.

Resin Panels-Tile and stone backsplashes are still popular but this year the use of interesting items like fabric, mesh and bamboo accent other kitchen elements.

Stone Hearths-huge, dramatic hearths made of natural stone are becoming popular in kitchens.

Chrome is Back-Polished chrome is making a comeback, particularly in bathrooms

Glass Elements-Glass is turning up in countertops and backsplashes.

Builder v. Remodeler Know the Difference

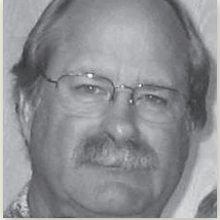
In our industry, we've seen many new home builders switch over to remodeling due to the economy. These companies may enjoy good reputations; however, **remodeling** and **home building** require very different skills.

Remodelers understand the unique challenges of retrofitting existing spaces. They understand working around families, pets and property. Efficient scheduling, daily clean-up, special safety measures, and a keen awareness of your family needs are not typical concerns for home builders. They are the highest priorities for remodelers.

Hudson Remodeling works to ensure our clients have the most enjoyable experience possible. We believe part of the remodeling experience is knowing you made the right choice in hiring Hudson Remodeling; we hope you feel the same.



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Friends,

Spring is in the air and so are the necessary remodeling projects to be done around the home. This is an excellent time to “Think Green”. Here in Bellingham we enjoy an environment and mindset that surrounds itself with the green concept; everything from locally produced goods to building practices.

At Hudson Remodeling, we too, embrace the importance of contributing to green initiatives through our input and involvement in community projects and in helping you incorporate energy efficiencies into your home remodel.

Green practices in remodeling include:

- Replacing windows to create energy savings
- Use of solar panels
- Replacing hollow garage doors with insulated doors
- Use of eco-friendly materials and products

Being conscious of incorporating green products and materials is not difficult and saves you money, earns tax credit savings, helps the environment and allows you to do your share in preserving energy and being environmentally friendly.

Call us to find out how we can help you incorporate green with your next remodeling project.

“I could never have done it without you! As I've said many times, I'm only a visionary! You made it happen. It has been an absolute joy to work with you. The only response I ever heard from you was, 'I can do that'. It is such a blessing to have had the privilege of working with a 'can do' professional.”

-Bellingham, Wa. Resident



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Hudson's Project Organization

When we take on your remodeling project, you can be sure that we have your entire job outlined and detailed through our binder system of cataloging each project. We house your estimate, contract, and change orders together. The spec list, material selections and trade contractors working on the project are maintained as a unit. Client communiqués are housed on their own. Trade contractor quotes and other estimating materials belong together. Invoices and payments are in one location. Finally, the project house number and contact information complete the binder. When you have a question we can quickly access your information and provide timely response.

Did you know?

One of the bright sides of the current economy is that the price of materials has dropped, allowing you to save on your remodeling project and perhaps extend your budget for other projects. That means that now is actually a great time to go ahead with the remodeling you've wanted to complete.

Calendar Event

Whatcom Horticultural Society's
23rd Annual Tour of Private
Gardens is Saturday, June 20
and Sunday, June 21 from
11 a.m.-5 p.m.