

## SAFETY IN THE HOME

It's a good idea to perform a safety check throughout your home to seek out potentially dangerous situations. If you have small children, this is especially important because they may not be able to read product label warnings. Make sure that all cleaning and gardening products are secured with child-proof lids, or simply placed well out of reach. You can purchase simple locks for your kitchen cabinets that will deter children and pets from opening them, but allow easy access to an adult. It's also a good idea to put a

lock high on a door to keep children out of a hazardous area, like a mechanical room or storage room.

You can also prevent accidents with children by using protective covers over electrical wall outlets, and by keeping appliance or extension cords off the floor where a child might bite or chew on them. Finally, you should make it a habit to check the batteries in your home's smoke detectors on a monthly basis. Checking your smoke detectors regularly could save lives in the event of a fire.



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## Design Tips

**Cabinet Wood Species**  
There's no need to fear alternative wood choices when designing your kitchen cabinets. Wonderful results can be achieved by using woods like hickory, alder, or quarter sawn oak to add a unique look to your kitchen cabinets and other built-in cabinets around your home.

## Cork Flooring

Have you ever heard of using cork flooring in your home? Believe it or not, cork flooring has been around for more than 100 years! An alternative to more common wood flooring choices, cork flooring is just as strong as oak or maple, but has a distinct feel. Cork can be finished, refinished, stained, bleached, painted, etched, inlaid and installed in patterns for a unique look.

## REGIONAL DESIGN AWARDS WINNER

### DESIGN WINS REGIONAL COTY & CHRYSALIS AWARDS

We are excited to announce that Heritage Builders was honored with both the 2005 Regional Contractor of the Year Award in the Best Kitchen Design \$60,000 to \$100,000 category, and the 2005 Chrysalis Award for Best Design/Build Kitchen Remodel in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 category. These celebrated awards recognize the Heritage Team's excellence in the design and construction of Melanie and Andre Lamere's beautiful kitchen remodel in Minneapolis. These awards are especially significant because the competition is not limited to the Twin Cities, but includes competing entries from Remodelers throughout the Midwest. To read more about this project,



turn to page two of this newsletter. The Regional Contractor of the Year Award is awarded by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. This year, the Regional CotY competition was exceptional with over 40 kitchen projects in our region competing for the award. An impartial panel of judges who are experts within the industry and related fields selected our project as the winner based on problem solving, func-

tionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, and most importantly, meeting the client's budget and design needs. The Chrysalis Award is a national organization that was created in 1993 to recognize outstanding design in remodeling, and bestows awards of excellence to design/build projects in every region of the United States. In the Midwest Region there were over 135 projects competing for Chrysalis awards, and our

project received top honors. "To win an award in this highly competitive category is quite an achievement," says Ken Kanline, Director of the Chrysalis Awards. Judged by editors and writers of *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Woman's Day Special Interest Publications*, *Southern Living*, and HGTV Pro, winners were selected based on overall design, the creative use of space and materials, and of course reaching the client's design and budgetary needs.

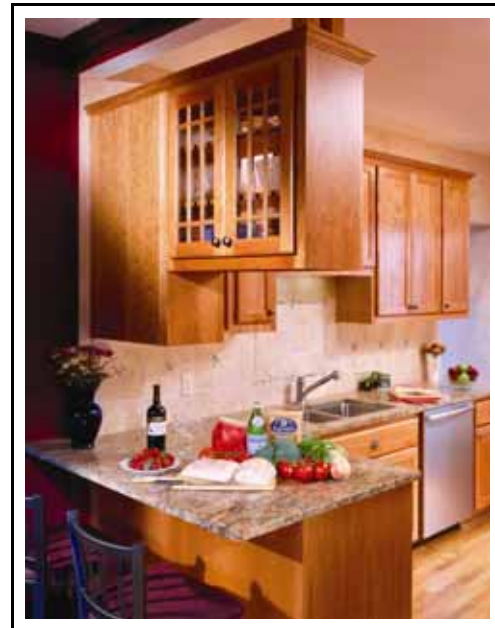
## LAMERE RESIDENCE

### AN AWARD WINNING KITCHEN DESIGN

The story of this kitchen is an outstanding example of the creativity and quality of design that Heritage Builders delivers to each and every project we do. Andre and Melanie Lamere were faced with a small, poorly designed kitchen in their otherwise elegantly detailed home. There was no room for two people to cook in the kitchen, much less entertain guests at a dinner party. It was also a traffic center in the home, with *four* entrances to the small 120 square foot kitchen. They needed a great design scheme to resolve these and many other design issues within the limits of the walls of the existing kitchen.

The *Eureka!* design moment occurred when we relocated the door to their basement stairs from the kitchen, and removed the wall that separated kitchen and dining room. Now we could efficiently design in custom cabinetry to maximize the storage and workflow of their new kitchen. No space was left unused, including a special storage cabinet above the refrigerator that displays cookbooks from the front and has a small side door to access valuable storage space for oven cooking trays. We were also able to convert the small existing unheated back entry into

a functional mudroom, complete with a large pantry and recycling storage bench. Now the Lamere's have an award winning kitchen that will allow them to entertain their party guests as well as provide an efficient and easy-to-use kitchen to prepare their *e v e r y d a y* meals.



Remember, with Heritage Builders, you can have the home you want, where you want it!

## DESIGN TRENDS

BY PAM ENZ, ASID

### THE COLOR EXPERIENCE



By Pam Enz, ASID  
Tangible Space Interior Design

Color is one of the most exciting, dramatic, and feared design elements we deal with when embarking on final decisions with our clients. Although everyone wants to add color in their lives, when it comes to applying it in large quantities to their walls they often back off and resist.

My personal philosophy has always been that color will make the biggest impact on your environment, but it is also one of the easiest things to change if you place it on your walls. Hopefully knowing a little more about color will help relieve some stress and allow you to commit to color on your walls. Think of space as planes of color: the floor, the walls and the ceiling. When planning color visualize how natural light will interact with your new space, do you have large windows? Are they south facing? Will you have mostly morning sun which contains more yellow or afternoon sun

which has more red? Will your floors be shiny (wood) and reflect light or will they be textured (carpet) which will absorb light? What are the adjacent colors and textures to the space you are creating? Will light interact from those spaces into your new space? You'll also want to think about how the colors will balance with each other. In general terms, the more saturated (pure) the color you select the more weight it will add in the room. A pure red will feel heavier in the space than a light pink. The color wheel is a wonderful tool to use when selecting your colors. Active

colors are generally found on the warm side of the color wheel, the reds, yellows and oranges. And on the cool side of the wheel we find passive colors. Greens, blues and some purples. These are wonderful to use in spaces where one will be restful, calm and passive. Neutral colors, those that are made of a mixture of warm and cool colors will be neither active nor passive, which is why so many people gravitate toward these hues. In the next newsletter I'll explain color strategies and what different colors mean in our society. In the meantime – happy color hunting!

## IKE'S CORNER

### BY IKE DAUGHENBAUGH, CR, CKBR, OWNER

Most likely, everyone reading this article has given serious thought at one time or another to the idea of telecommuting to work – that is, doing your job from a computer at your home instead of physically driving in to the office. Isn't that a wonderful idea? Think of all the gas money you would save! Today's technology has made this possible for many people already – high speed internet service, powerful home computers, and e-mail are a few examples of what has made this possible. An imposing road block to this concept can be the lack of a good space in your



home to work. No one wants to have to set up the laptop computer on the kitchen table or in the living room, surrounded by clutter and a multitude of distractions.

If you're going to be telecommuting to the office, what you really need is a *Home Office*. An ideal home office is a dedicated room in your home where you can have a desk, a computer, a

separate phone line, internet access, a filing cabinet, and whatever else you may need to make it the most functional. The most important characteristic that your home office requires is *separation* – something to keep the daily distractions out of eyesight and earshot. It's hard to stay at your desk when that laundry pile is just begging to get done. More and more, our clients are asking us to design a home office into their remodeling projects. Perhaps a home office would fit the remodel or addition you have been considering. If you're interested in creating the perfect home office, give us a call today.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HERITAGE

Wedding bells are ringing at Heritage Builders! Steve and his fiancée Lauren announced their plans for a wedding in spring of 2006.

Rob and his wife Renee were married in September of this year. Congratulations to both!

Ike and JoAnn just celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary. Their daughter Sarah graduated from Osseo High School this past June.

Tom went to Las Vegas for a friend's wedding and he and his wife Joslyn did a lot of camping this past summer.

Mark was heavily involved in Golden Valley Little League as Director of the

Minor Leagues. He also acted as the PA announcer and scorekeeper. In August he took a week off with his daughters at Leech Lake to spend some time muskie fishing.

Don is expecting his second grandchild in December. What a joyous month his family will have!

Kirk and his wife Liz will be spending every weekend possible at the lake. Liz has

received a diamond pin for reaching her 25th anniversary at US Bank. Their daughter Julie graduated from Concordia Moorhead May 1st, and is in Kenya with the Peace Corps. Their son Mike was discharged from the Army (82nd Airborne) on May 8th after serving his 3 year enlistment. He is working for Heritage and starting school at St. Cloud for law enforcement.

Chris McCambridge is the newest member of the Heritage team. Chris used to run the local office of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. She will be answering the phones and will help with administration and marketing.



The Heritage Builders Team