



REMODELING RESOLUTION

MAKE 2017 THE YEAR YOU
SAY YES TO A REMODEL.
YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED
HOW MUCH FUN IT CAN BE.

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“WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT REMODELING?”

You've heard the question. Your realtor, your spouse, or your neighbor may have asked it. Chances are, you paused with concern at the question, overwhelmed by the implications of a remodel on your lifestyle and your finances—and the sheer unknown that accompanies a complete upheaval of your home and its surrounding site.

Lucky for you there are builders, contractors, and interior designers in Jackson Hole who can turn that question into a declarative statement of possibility, inspiration, and excitement. With these experts on your team, before you know it, your apprehension will be replaced with a steady stream of “before” and “after” images tagged with #WeAreRemodeling in your social media feed.

WHY REMODEL?

WHETHER YOU LIVE IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE BUILT TEN YEARS AGO OR A 1980s CONDO, REMODELING YOUR ABODE HAS MANY BENEFITS.

First, improving your property will increase the market value of your home—and typically contribute to the overall value in your neighborhood. Second, switching out older materials with new energy-efficient hard goods, like windows, siding, and appliances can decrease your carbon footprint and your monthly bills and translate to easier maintenance and fewer future problems. And, third, if your lifestyle and needs have changed since you moved in—maybe your family nest has become an empty nest—reconfiguring a couple of bedrooms into a media room, gym, or guest suite or making other changes to make the space suit your current state can improve the quality of the time you spend in your home.

Aside from these obvious motivators, remodeling is the stuff dreams are made of—it's an opportunity to envision your ideal space, to create the home you've always wanted. So start your wheels turning: imagine a more spacious home with an updated style, where you and your family can enjoy the look and comfort of a space that sings. It's time to have some fun.

PROJECT ^{NO. 1}

TETON HERITAGE BUILDERS

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Mark Dalby of Teton Heritage Builders (THB) understands what realtors have been chanting for years: “Location, location, location.” And, in Jackson, location is still number one. “There are folks who want to live in town and they will do what it takes to figure that out, whether it’s revising their budget, or remodeling an existing structure, or deciding upon an addition. And, then there are quite a few people who will buy a home in a better spot with room to build out. And, lastly, those who demo and start anew.” He adds,

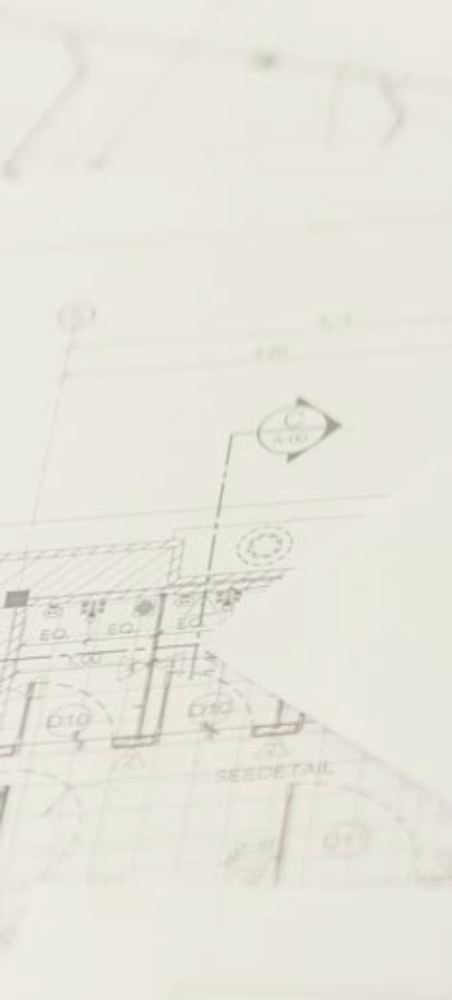
“REWORKING THE GUTS, BRINGING IN NEW FINISHES AND FIXTURES, **UPDATING THE STYLE FROM RUSTIC TO MODERN, OR FROM TRADITIONAL TO CONTEMPORARY—** THIS IS WHAT WE’VE SEEN IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS WITH RESPECT TO REMODELING.”

Homeowners may be hesitant about the remodeling process, but Dalby insists that they “have to be open-minded about a massive change.” There’s a certain threshold, Dalby claims, “You’ll have a client say ‘we are doing so much, why not just start over?’” There is some thought given to the notion, but in the case of the home pictured here, Paintbrush, which involved transforming a traditional log stack building into a home with plenty of modernity, there was a need to preserve part of its history and character with a fresh style.

Built in the 1970s, the home’s remodel and addition was designed by local Jackson architect, Peggy Gilday. Sited on a hillside, the 6,200-sq.-ft. home had a detached guesthouse, which Gilday and THB combined into a spectacular statement of timeless design. “Every time you open up a new wall or move something, or build up against an existing structure or wall, it’s a challenge, especially when you’re trying to achieve a modern level finish, which is smooth and straight.” To Dalby, however (and many builders agree), those possibilities are not a reason to forego a stunning remodel such as this. Now, the interiors are clean and monochromatic, which allow stunning views of the Grand Teton and surrounding Fish Creek to take center stage. The home feels light, balanced, and grounded, and will remain sophisticated for years to come.







Dalby states that part of the remodel journey is the opportunity during the preliminary stages to take advantage of energy-efficient hard goods and sustainable products. "It's integrated into our discussion from the beginning. Typically, homeowners want lower-maintenance products and are very likely interested in reducing their carbon footprint." Also considered during this stage is repurposing the home's materials, most notably cabinets. "We give our clients the option to repurpose doors, beams, appliances, and fixtures—basically anything we can keep out of the dump. Our first phone call is to Habitat for Humanity and then we send out a message to our community members. We'd much rather see it used in another home. And, the client saves the expense of having to haul it away. It's a win-win."

Another aspect Dalby has witnessed in the remodeling scene? "Clients request the builder's perspective, and more often THB is brought into the design discussion much earlier. And, rather than just standing in a room, our client wants to see a model." With detailed pre-construction planning to define the client's lifestyle, budget, and timeline, along with meetings to refine the building process, construction begins on time with the architect, client, builder, interior designer, and landscape designer in agreement about what's to come, what's expected, and when to schedule that all-important move-in date. Remodeling is more than taking down walls. It's inviting the team into your home and rejoicing in the spirit of recreating together.

