



# Something OLD, SOMETHING New

## An Extensive Remodel Still Feels Like Home

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Kimberly and Roger considered selling their current home and then building a new house but their 30-year-old, Grand Junction home was built on property given to them by Roger's parents. In addition, they had raised their children in the house and it was "home." Given all of these very important personal ties, the family ultimately decided to undertake a huge remodel of their beloved home.

The completion of the remodel took ten months and during that time, the family resided elsewhere so the work could progress as quickly and efficiently as possible. The massive remodel entailed gutting the main floor, with the exception of the bay window and stone fireplace, and adding 12 feet to the length of the house. "The transformation is so extensive that everyone thinks it is a newly built home instead of a remodel," shares Kim.

Requirements for the remodel were a chef's kitchen, open floor plan, and a perfectly balanced heating and cooling system. Pre-remodel, the dining area was so cold that it was uninhabitable without a fire blazing in the fireplace. Conversely, the upper level was uncomfortably warm on hot summer days.

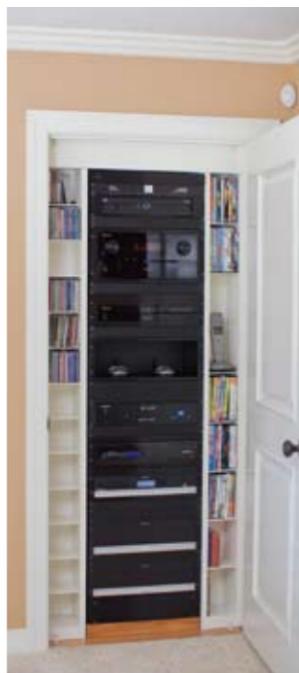
During the renovation, a bedroom was removed to open up and expand the home's

entry. French doors were also added to open the entry to the dining room. Post remodel, a large opening between the dining room and living room gives visual passage to the pool. Another must for the remodel—a walk-in-closet was added to the master bedroom. The garden tub and rain shower replete with 56 jets offers a spa quality to the master bath.

Kim beams when speaking about a room she calls “summer sun,” a game/family room that opens onto the deck and fire pit. “It is bright and airy. The color on the walls reminds me of the summer sun,” shares Kim. “It is a feel-good room in the winter when we are missing the sun and warmth of summer.”

The exterior of the home received a makeover as well. The addition of exterior lights highlights the new landscaping that enhances the Craftsman style details such as custom stonework and copper accents. The lighting casts artistic shadows along the scenic country drive and walkways, making nighttime viewing a pleasure.

The homeowners give their builder, Brian Winne, full credit for developing their style and whims along with watching out for their best interest concerning quality and workmanship. However, they are the first to admit such a huge remodel is not for the faint of heart but profess it was worth it and would do it all over again. “Our home is still familiar in some ways, but updates make it comfortable and fun,” they share enthusiastically. □



**ABOVE:** The master bedroom is the perfect combination of luxury and comfort.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** His and her vanities, along with soaking tub, are just a few of the master bath amenities.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** The master bath’s rain shower—with its 224 rain jets—is the perfect antidote for a stressful day.

**BELOW:** Organization is a breeze with this compartmentalized and cheery entry off the garage.

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**ABOVE:** This extensive remodel is often mistaken for a new home.

**INSET:** The patio with its crowd-pleasing fire pit enhances the pleasures of country living.

**INSET RIGHT:** A meandering walkway escorts one from the house to patio and beyond.

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**ABOVE:** This country kitchen makes the most of the artistry and craftsmanship of builder Brian Winne.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** The extensive security and sound system is an elite feature of this luxury home.

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Custom cabinetry abounds throughout the home.

**BELOW:** The custom cherry fireplace with its granite surround is a deserving focal point.





ABOVE: The bunkroom is a favorite for family and guests.

BELOW: The new geothermal heating system combines economy with comfort.

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