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Entire House under \$250,000



ADB Brings Home 2 CotY Awards

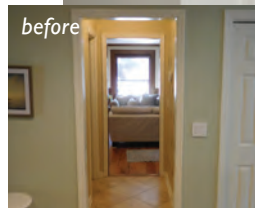
Atlanta Design & Build was honored to receive two 2019 Contractor of the Year (CotY) Awards from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), Atlanta chapter. Each year, NARI-Atlanta members enter their completed projects in 45 residential remodeling categories. A diverse and impartial panel of judges selects the CotY winners based on select criteria for each category and recognizes the exceptional results of the projects entered with these prestigious Awards. Judging focuses on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and quality of entry presentation. This year's elegant 27th CotY Awards Gala, with a theme "NARI Under the Lights," took place on December 10, 2019, at the W Hotel in Atlanta.

Atlanta Design & Build won CotY Awards in the following categories:

- Residential Bathroom \$75,000 to \$100,000
- Entire House under \$250,000

See more photos and read about these award-winning projects on our blog at atlantadesignbuild.com

Whole House Remodel Blends Indoors and Outdoors



We are proud to share our 2019 NARI, Atlanta chapter, Contractor of the Year (CotY) award-winning project for Entire House Under \$250,000! Our clients' 1984 home was a bit dated and dark, with a segmented layout. They wanted their home to be more stylish and to relocate their fireplace to provide an open and a more seamless transition between their home's interior and the outdoor pool/patio area.

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Photo courtesy of Danver Stainless Outdoor Kitchens



Choosing A Convenient Space For Everyday Outdoor Living

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T.W. Ellis Recognized for Excellence in Building by MBIA



We had the honor of receiving four 2019 Awards of Excellence from the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA)! According to the MBIA website:

The MBIA Remodeling and Custom Building Awards of Excellence Program recognizes remodeling designs and

new custom building homes to industry professionals who provide customers with superior and creative projects that are sensitive to the existing structure and make appropriate use of the existing building elements, while being compatible with the neighborhood.

We strive to provide our clients with the level of service described above, and these awards attest to our strong commitment to giving our clients detailed, quality, and timeless workmanship in every project.

Our president, Tim Ellis; our Vice President, Barry Ellis; and our sales associate, Michael Teti, were in attendance to accept the awards in late November of last year. We are proud of the entire T.W. Ellis team for such an outstanding achievement.

These awards help confirm that you can have confidence hiring T.W. Ellis for your remodeling, addition, outdoor project, or custom home build. The following T.W. Ellis projects were recognized:

Silver Merit – Kitchen Remodel \$100,000-\$200,000

Project: Hussain Kitchen; Laurel, MD

We designed this modern farmhouse kitchen, installing beautiful hardwood flooring in Walnut, for a warm look. The new kitchen cabinets are a classic shade of white. Our client kept the original cabinets on their island. We hung these gorgeous pendant lights, with an old world feel, over the island. The kitchen countertops are engineered quartz, and the unique farmhouse sink is an undermount Tasso Fireclay sink.

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KITCHEN REMODELING FOR THE HOME CHEF

There are different reasons homeowners may want a kitchen remodel. Reasons for an update include outdated fixtures, dying appliances, awkward layouts, or a love of gourmet cooking. If you are a home chef, and your current kitchen is lackluster, here are considerations for a kitchen remodel.

Some home chefs claim a kitchen is only as good as its appliances. Many chefs prefer cooking on a gas range and would like more than four burners for cooking complex meals. Two or more ovens may be desirable, especially with various functions, like steam and convection. Commercial style refrigerators and freezers are also coveted. Glass doors on certain refrigerator models make it easy to see available ingredients. With stainless steel interiors and special air filtration, proper refrigeration elevates storing produce to gourmet cook's status.

Ease of use and clean up are both essential. Two sinks, one for washing fruits and vegetables, and a deep sink for large pots and pans, are useful. Some people even prefer to have more than one dishwasher to streamline cleaning. The newest organizational features in cabinetry are a boon to home chefs. Roll out spice racks, pantry walls, and other specialty storage items keep everything at your fingertips. Hanging storage for pots, magnetic strips for knives, and countertop utensil storage are also helpful.

While countertop space and materials are important to home chefs, most of them are accustomed to a tight working triangle. Counter space means more to chefs than floor space. They aren't going to walk laps in their kitchen, but they may need to roll out pasta onto the countertop!



Layers Upon Layers of Style

If you are remodeling or redecorating your home, one of the latest design trends is layering. It is not a new concept of design, but it is becoming wildly popular. You can layer different textures to bring depth and variety into a room.

- Layering rugs is a trending look in eclectic rooms, and it's also a great way to stretch your budget. Take an expensive rug in a smaller size, and then place it in the center of a larger, less expensive rug. Anchor it down with a coffee table or ottoman and you have a look with depth.
- Use pillows and throws that vary in texture from your furniture's upholstery. If furnishings are smooth, opt for textured throws, like fake fur, or geometric-patterned pillows. Geometric shapes create their own tactile looks, regardless of their finish.
- Layer pieces from different eras! With the mid-century modern-inspired style reemerging, it's the perfect time to purchase pieces for a contemporary or transitional room of your home. Pairing antiques with the latest styles or finishes can also work. One



Photo courtesy of Sherwin-Williams

added bonus of using vintage pieces is that upcycling is more sustainable than purchasing a brand-new piece.

- Layer with color. Color is ubiquitous in the home for 2020. If you have been holding back your enthusiasm for bold, bright, dramatic, and even moody color, now is your time to let loose! In the kitchen, consider using two-toned cabinetry, a colorful island, or splurge on the latest in bold appliances.
- Choose your common threads carefully. Make sure the staple patterns, colors, and objects for the room are ones you love. Layers make a space seem lived-in, like it has a soul. The commonalities that make it all actually work together are like threads holding the fabric of the design together.

One easy way to get started with layering is to create a mood board. There are online options available for this exercise, or you can use magazines and glue to create collage mood boards.



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Everday Outdoor Living

Kitchen for the Home Chef



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They desired a lounging area beside the pool where they could take refreshments and rest in the shade. The upstairs master and hall bathrooms were also top priorities to remodel.

Our team created a whole house remodeling plan to transform this family's home and enrich their lives. We gave them everything on their wish list, and as we always try to do, just a little bit more than what they imagined was possible. To create an open floorplan on the main level, we relocated the downstairs powder room and the pantry from the center of the home and moved the laundry room upstairs for more convenient access. We moved the fireplace, creating a stunning wall of French doors in the living room.

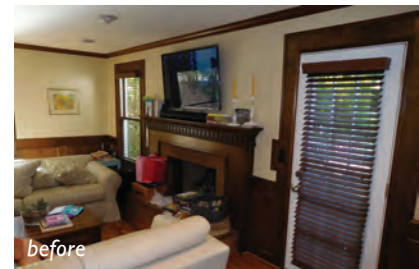
The French doors open the room to increased views of and accessibility to the backyard, patio, and pool. Our design included a custom-built pass-through window above a floating counter outdoors and a custom beverage center inside. The window was built in-house from the client's Pinterest idea board. The beverage center's custom cabinetry provides ample storage and is complete with beverage cooling drawers for entertaining ease.

In addition, an outdoor lanai strategically placed by the pool area continues to blend the indoors and outdoors together, extending the home's living/entertaining space, and providing the family with the poolside retreat they desired. They have shelter from the sun or the rain, a gas fireplace, television, tables and seating, and easy access to



the pool bathroom and kitchen inside. The dramatic 12x24 slate flooring provides continuity throughout these indoor and outdoor spaces.

Upstairs we created a convenient laundry room, and renovated the hall bathroom increasing its floor space and giving it modern flair consistent with the rest of the home. In the master bathroom, we removed a large, outdated garden tub, installing an expansive curbless shower and tasteful soaking tub within a large, tiled wet area surrounding it.



This is what our clients, Ethan & Becky Z., of Marietta, had to say, "Atlanta Design & Build gave us so many ideas on how to get the look we were going for as well as providing great quality in their design and construction process. We love the light and airy feeling that our house now has and the increased sense of connection between the inside and the outdoors."

Does your home need remodeling? Let us help you create your space that functions well and flows seamlessly. Contact Atlanta Design & Build today for your Initial Consultation.

