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Attic Renovation Captures River Views



The choice of paint color adds a bright and playful feel to the space.

This Palisades home overlooks the Potomac River and the best river view was from a small attic window. The owners had two main goals: capture the view and create a more comfortable and usable living area. We added a large gable dormer to create an open, light-filled living space with a higher volume. A smaller rear shed dormer allowed us to add a new bathroom to this level. Visit our website and click on Portfolio, Attics & Basement to view more photos of this project.



Before photo of the dark paneling and low ceiling.



Built-in shelves allows for displays and storage. The entry to the new bathroom is on the left. Beyond that is additional storage space. (Photos: Pak Cheung)

Houzz Survey Reveals Emergence of the Super Kitchen



The kitchen is the hub of the home, according to a recent survey of renovating homeowners by home design inspiration site Houzz.com. "The modern 'super kitchen' supports family, friends and work and does it in style," said Nino Sitchinava, principal economist at Houzz. "Homeowners expect kitchen renovations to go far beyond improving flow, storage or aesthetics. The 'super kitchen' has literally become a living room, family room and office, with finishes, layouts and decor that challenge us to define where

the kitchen ends and the rest of the home begins."

- 49% use the kitchen for entertaining
- 43% use it for socializing
- 25% use it as a homework space
- 19% watch TV in the kitchen
- 48% are making the kitchen more open to other living spaces
- 18% updated the kitchen to make it more open to the outdoors
- 25% included dining tables
- 23% added a chandelier
- 14% included a TV

Coffee Worthy of a Barista

The Houzz survey also revealed that 10% of renovated kitchens included a coffee/tea station. Washington Post food writer Tim Carman expresses his delight in a dedicated coffee station in this article: <http://wapo.st/20HfN3j>.

The collage on the right shows the brewing method used by Landis coffee connoisseur, CAD Drafter Pak Cheung. Roasting green beans in a popcorn maker, hand-grinding; and stove top brewing. Delicious!



10-Year Anniversary of our Building



We designed and built our 3-story building (near the Takoma metro) in 2006. To see under construction photos, visit our website and click on the Buzz tab to read the blog.



Energy-efficient features include spray foam insulation, geothermal HVAC, and solar panels on the roof. We're on the top floor with tenants on the lower floors.

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