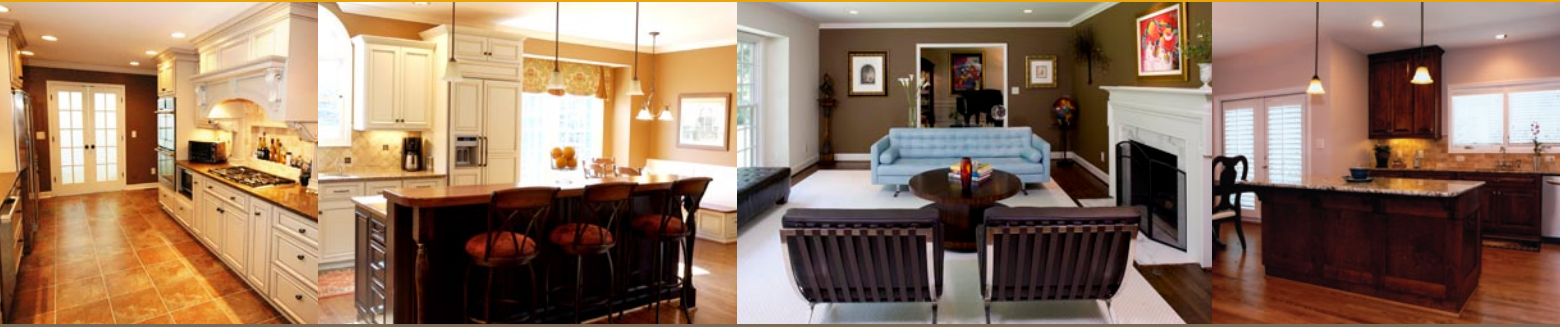


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2009 Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards BIRMINGHAM WINNERS

KITCHEN REMODEL UNDER \$40,000

- 1st Place: Precision HomeCRAFTERS, LLC (Miller Kitchen)
- 2nd Place: Taylor Burton Company (Chestnut Road Kitchen)
- 3rd Place: H B Thompson Construction Services, Inc. (Whitt Kitchen)

KITCHEN REMODEL \$40,000-\$80,000

- 1st Place: Case Handyman & Remodeling / Counter Dimensions, Inc. (Goodwin Kitchen)
- 3rd Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. (Bunn Kitchen)

KITCHEN REMODEL OVER \$80,000

- 1st Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. (Romp Kitchen)
- 2nd Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. (West Kitchen)
- 3rd Place: McKay Building Co. (Bains Kitchens)

BATH REMODEL UNDER \$20,000

- 1st Place: Precision HomeCRAFTERS, LLC (Thornton Bath)

BATH REMODEL OVER \$50,000

- 2nd Place: McKay Building Co. (Shaw/Hahn Bath)
- 3rd Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. (Myer Bath)

EXTERIOR REMODEL

- 1st Place: Construct, Inc. (EIFS Removal)
- 2nd Place: Precision HomeCRAFTERS, LLC (Miller Project)

RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY PROJECT

- 1st Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Butler's Pantry)
- 2nd Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. (Scalisi Fireplace)
- 3rd Place (tie): H B Thompson Construction Services, Inc. (Whitt Entertainment Center)
- Precision HomeCRAFTERS, LLC (Fletcher Project)

OUTDOOR LIVING

- 2nd Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Summer Kitchen)
- 3rd Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Dodecagonal Porch)

ADDITIONS UNDER \$100,000

- 1st Place: Precision HomeCRAFTERS, LLC (Miller Project)

ADDITIONS \$100,000-\$250,000

- 1st Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Clark Master Suite)
- 2nd Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Sunshine Suite)

ADDITIONS OVER \$250,000

- 3rd Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Phase Two Project)

BASEMENT REMODEL

- 1st Place: Taylor Burton Company (High Bluff Road Project)
- 2nd Place: Baugher Design & Remodel, Inc. (Nabell Project)
- 3rd Place: Baugher Design & Remodel, Inc. (Clark Project)

UNIVERSAL DESIGN

- 1st Place: McKay Building Co. (Pugh Project)
- 2nd Place: Precision HomeCRAFTERS, LLC (Fletcher Project)
- 3rd Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Mom's New Home)

SPACE RENOVATION

- 1st Place: Case Handyman & Remodeling / HKW Associates (Johnstone Library)
- 2nd Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. / GRJ Enterprises (Nelms Project)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- 2nd Place: McKay Building Co., Inc. (Rogers/Taylor Manor)
- 3rd Place: Precision HomeCRAFTERS, LLC (Thornton Project)

WHOLE HOUSE REMODEL \$250,000

- 2nd Place: McKay Building Co., Inc. (Bains Project)

WHOLE HOUSE REMODEL OVER \$500,000

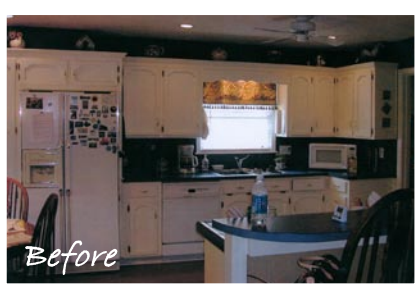
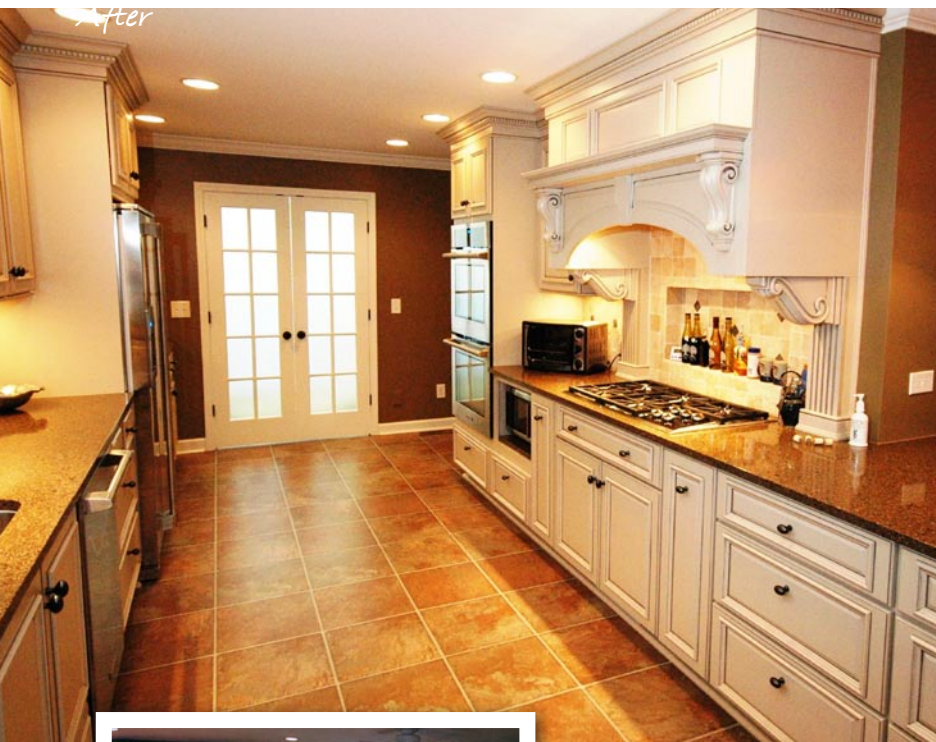
- 1st Place: Taylor Burton Company (Kirkpatrick Project)



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Case Handyman & Remodeling

1st place winner for \$40,000 - \$80,000 kitchen remodel • 1st place space renovation



After winning first place for his 2009 kitchen and library remodels, Tom Coan, owner of Case Remodeling says he holds great pride. "Our goals are to please clients, do quality work and conduct ourselves in a positive, professional, teamwork fashion," Tom says.

Tom believes that the reason his remodels won first place was due to the fact that, "They look great! The art of great remodeling is meeting all the function and budget goals and making sure the project is well integrated with the home." Tom adds that, "Both of these projects fit the space and look like they were always meant to be there. It's the result of design, material selections and craftsmanship being well coordinated and integrated."

Working with people is what Tom enjoys most in remodeling and that means communicating with your client. "Getting projects right is a communication-intensive job. I like the process of goals turning into ideas and then plans and finally something you see, touch and appreciate in the real world," he says. "I also respect and appreciate craftsmanship. The pride of delighting someone with a well-done project is very satisfying."

Tom's key design aesthetic is to understand a client's goals, taste and budget. Working closely with clients and good organization is important in order to make a job successful.

"Sometimes we lead and sometimes we follow," Tom says, "but by doing it in an organized way, we take something that could be confusing and frustrating and make it manageable, and hopefully, fun." ●

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Counter Dimensions was awarded 8 wins overall in the recent Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards, which is sponsored by the Remodeler's Council of the Alabama Homebuilders Association.

In Robb and Katie Romp's kitchen (featured above), the clients wanted to update the space in their home that they used most. New cabinetry, granite and wood countertops and hardwood floors met the couple's desires and decorative tastes. "Organization is key to my clients," says Ann Swann of Counter Dimensions, Inc. of a new and central message center that replaced a cluttered outdated desk.

In the end, Ann says, "A functional design with new cabinetry, tops and appliances replaced an inefficient and outdated kitchen." She adds that the fine cabinet finishes, granite, and wood mix to create the "open, warm and inviting space in which family and guests can congregate." ●

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McKay Building Company, Inc.

1st place winner for Universal Design

Husband and wife remodeling duo, Jewel and Bob McKay of McKay Building Company, Inc. won a total of five awards in the recent 2009 Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards. Bob and Jewel have been involved in remodeling for a combined 41 years and were awarded 1st place in universal design for the Pugh Project, and 2nd place in bath remodel for the Shaw/Hahn project.

In the Pugh Project, Jewel says the homeowner had some orthopedic problems and was unable to navigate steps to the master suite on the second floor. A first floor addition would allow access to the master bedroom bath directly off their living area. "We were able to make an addition that matched the other side of the house so that the whole house looked like that addition had always been there," Jewel says.

Jewel and Bob took on a totally different approach for the Shaw/Hahn project. "This was for a teenage girl, and she had a very chopped-up kind of bathroom and wanted a sleeker, more modern looking kind of design," Jewel says. ●

Universal Appeal:

- Jewel and Bob say they specialize in Universal Design projects for "people who want to remain in their own home and want increased accessibility."

- "It's just a very rewarding feeling, knowing that you have accomplished that goal of helping them stay in their home," says Jewel. "And you don't want it to look

'handicapped,' so we try and really make it attractive so it fits in with the remainder of their house," she adds.

- Jewel and Bob agree that they are thankful that they are able to produce quality work that satisfies the customers' needs. "If the customer is not happy and we have not met the deficiency that they feel in their lives, we are not satisfied," Jewel says.

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Oak Alley recently received first place in the 2009 Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards for their work on the Clark master suite and another first place for their work on the DeSantis butler's pantry.

For the Clark master suite remodel, Mike says "the only place to go was up." The project called for major reworking of the former attic. Once the low-pitched roof was replaced, new dormers and a skylight were added to give extra space and natural light. "In order to save space, we installed a pocket door at the top of the custom wooden stairs," Mike says. To give the master suite an elegant, polished look, Mike added a wrought iron railing to the stairs, two luxurious walk-in closets and a sandblasted glass door that leads to the master bath.

"You can't tell, but we added a full second story and the home still fits in with the neighborhood," Mike says. "Remodeling is a green profession. We recycle and reuse and salvage things...and in doing so preserve the ambiance of the neighborhood."

For his second project, Mike transformed a tiny food pantry into a jewel of a space. "The pantry, though centrally located, was way too small," he says. In the remodel, Mike and his team transformed the adjacent laundry space into a new pantry with improved storage and organization. The previous pantry was then turned into a butler's pantry.

Mike says he believes that remodeling should be all about assessing the needs and desires of the clients. To ensure clients' project needs are met, Oak Alley begins each remodeling job with a "free meeting" to discuss the goals for the project. Then clients are encouraged to take a design survey to better access their style vision.

Oak Alley also offers budget advice, keeps in mind the latest trends—finishes, colors, fixtures—and can help clients visualize the end result with near photo realistic images.

Adapting an existing structure to suit a family's design aesthetic and functions is a challenge, but it is one that Mike McKay is always ready to tackle. Mike says, "Home should be a haven where quality time can be shared with the whole family. We strive to improve lives by improving living spaces." ●



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Blake & Taylor's Tips to a Successful Remodel:

SO MUCH OF REMODELING "EVOLVES" SO THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT IS RELATIONSHIP. Similar to a house fitting a lot....the remodeler, customer and designer need to fit to achieve desired objectives. If you don't like them don't hire them.

MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY OTHER, A HOME IS WHERE MEMORIES ARE MADE. Memory investment is easily justified, and remodeling is often the most effective method.

HOW DO YOU WORK WITH A CLIENT TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULT? WE LISTEN! Planning and communication are very important in every step along the way from beginning to end. Our experience results in the perfect blend of the architectural and structural drawing with common sense and it also carries us through the process with ease.

Taylor Burton Company, Inc., builders of the 2007 *Birmingham Home & Garden Inspiration Home* in The Preserve won big at this year's big awards at the recent Remodeling Excellence Awards held in Montgomery, Alabama. The Kirkpatrick Residence (featured here) won 1st Place in Whole House Remodels over \$500,000.00.

Before, the ranch style house was dated, non-functional and unfitting of its pristine surroundings says Blake Pittman of Taylor Burton Company.

The Kirkpatricks had 3 primary objectives: function to fit their individual lifestyle and family, update to fit surroundings and incorporate the feel of the lake into the feel of the home.

Now, thanks to the smart and sophisticated update by Taylor Burton Company, Blake says their home fits the beautiful private lake inside and out. "It has the necessary amenities for a busy family of four, also accommodations for visiting out of town guests, private home office and spectacular detail that is awe inspiring but very livable."

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