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## Complete List of Birmingham Winners

### Kitchen Remodel Under \$40,000

- 1st Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. (Gagnon Kitchen)  
2nd Place: Counter Dimensions Inc. (Alexander Kitchen)  
3rd Place: BMR Homes Inc. (Herron Kitchen)

### Kitchen Remodel \$40,000-\$80,000

- 2nd Place: Counter Dimension Inc. (Wilson Kitchen)  
3rd Place: Precision Homecrafters, LLC (Patterson Kitchen)

### Kitchen Remodel Over \$80,000

- 2nd Place: Counter Dimensions Inc. (Sckel Kitchen)  
3rd Place: Counter Dimensions Inc. (Logan Kitchen)

### Bath Remodel Under \$20,000

- 2nd Place: H B Thompson Construction Services Inc. (Bradt Master Bath)  
3rd Place: BMR Homes Inc. (Herron Bath)

### Bath Remodel \$20,000-\$50,000

- 2nd Place: Case Design/Remodeling (Dunbarton Bath)  
3rd Place: Case Design/Remodeling (Nottingham Acres Master Bath)

### Exterior Remodel

- 1st Place: Precision Homecrafters, LLC (Williams Project)

### Residential Specialty Project

- 1st Place: Roddy O. Sample & Associates, Inc. (Holbrook Sky Bar)  
2nd Place: Taylor Burton Company, Inc. (Dugout)  
3rd Place: Counter Dimensions, Inc. (Laundry Room Redo)

### Outdoor Living

- 1st Place: Taylor Burton Company, Inc. (Mulvaney Project)  
2nd Place: Precision Homecrafters, LLC (Dinsmore Porch)

### Additions Under \$100,000

- 3rd Place: BMR Homes Inc. (Olson Studio)

### Additions \$100,000-\$250,000

- 2nd Place: Taylor Burton Company, Inc. (Graffeo Project)  
3rd Place: ARC Design-Build (Ledbetter Addition)

### Basement Remodel

- 1st Place: Kurtts Construction, Inc. (Prater Project)

### Universal Design

- 1st Place: Counter Dimensions Inc. (Accessible Kitchen)  
3rd Place: BMR Homes Inc. (Allen Bath)

### Space Renovation

- 1st Place: H B Thompson Construction Services Inc. (Tandet Sunroom)  
2nd Place: Oak Alley, Inc. (Total Update)  
3rd Place: Case Design/Remodeling (Riverchase Country Club)

### Whole House Remodel Under \$250,000

- 1st Place: BMR Homes (Woodruff Remodel)

### Whole House Remodel \$250,000-\$500,000

- 2nd Place: Kurtts Construction, Inc. (Landau Project)

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# Counter Dimensions, Inc.

## Universal Design Accessible Kitchen

These clients wanted to increase accessibility to their most commonly used work spaces in the kitchen, while at the same time updating the décor. Although the kitchen was large and open, the traffic patterns created a bottleneck at the rear of the island. To make the room more user friendly, the refrigerator and microwave were moved to be in easy reach for all family members. A lowered bar top at the rear of the peninsula created a food prep area, while pull-outs made



cabinet contents easier for the user to access. New granite counter tops and a tile backsplash were installed to update the design. The island cabinets were painted black and then distressed. Although the footprint of the room was untouched, this remodel creates a big visual impact while adding accessibility.

# Counter Dimensions, Inc.

Kitchen Remodel \$40,000-  
\$80,000 • Wilson Kitchen



The need for storage and an aesthetically pleasing space were the driving force behind this remodel. The small kitchen was dark and lacked ample storage and lighting. The wall opening between the great room and kitchen was expanded by four feet to allow space for a large center island, all new cabinetry, appliances and granite countertops. New recessed and under cabinet lights were incorporated into the design. The new kitchen now matches the upscale style of the rest of the home.

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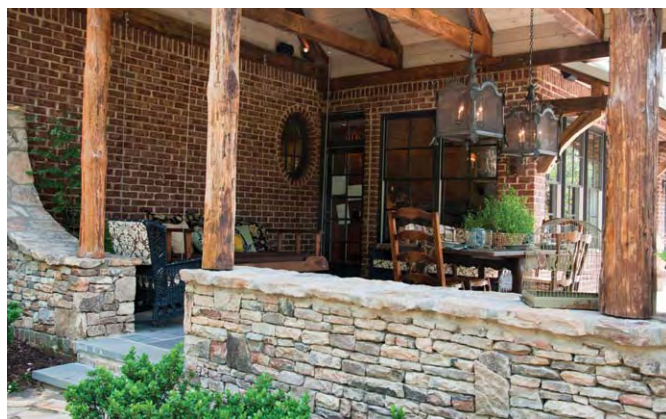


# Taylor Burton Company



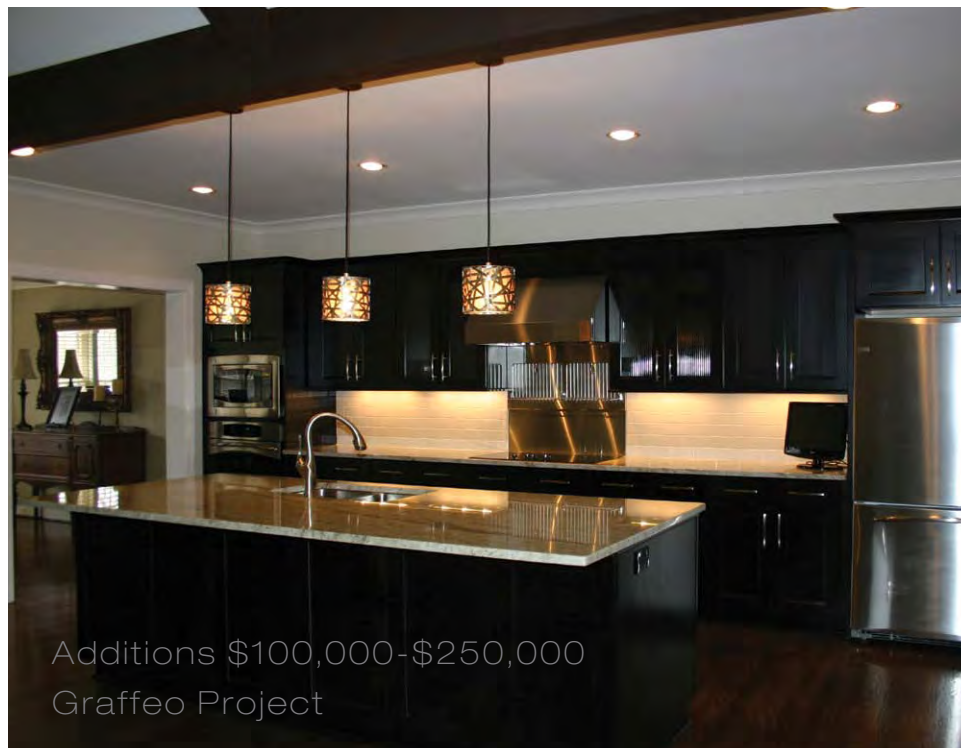
## Outdoor Living Mulvaney Project

What was once a simple back deck and patio has evolved into an outdoor retreat for a family that enjoys entertaining and social time in their own home. The owner wanted to use lumber from a 150 year-old barn that was built by her great grandfather. The salvaged lumber was used for beams, brackets, posts and trim on the new patio and added a touch of sentimentality. The ceiling was created from rafters spanned with tongue and groove pine. A stucco fireplace and bluestone tile flooring blend old and new. The metal roof was formed to meet the shingle roof of the home. The area was wired for speakers and television, and a swing bed suspended from cables provides a relaxation spot. The space meets the needs of the family, whether used as a private retreat or as a place to entertain friends.



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# Taylor Burton Company



Additions \$100,000-\$250,000  
Graffeo Project

This 1950s split-level home required a design and layout change, as well as a cosmetic update. The kitchen was modernized and made more functional with all new cabinets, countertops and appliances. A master bedroom and bath was added, adjoined by a walk-through office and computer area. The laundry room that had previously been in the basement was moved to the home's main level. This addition and renovation allowed the family to enjoy an updated home without leaving the neighborhood they loved.



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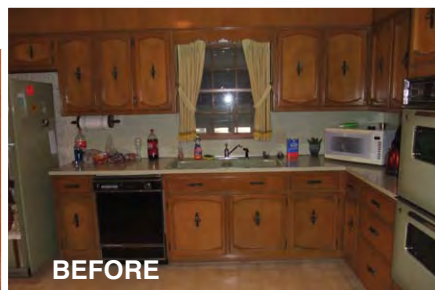
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# Oak Alley, Inc. Space Renovation • Total Update



This kitchen and laundry room were transported out of the 70s to make the space more functional and to add more value to the home. The avocado appliances, laminate countertops and floors, and wooden soffits were replaced with stainless steel appliances, granite, crown molding, and a chiseled tile floor. The space was brightened through the use of under cabinet lights, recess lights and a new window. The flooring continued into the laundry room, which gained new a laundry sink and cabinets. An existing closet and borrowed space from the laundry room allowed for a powder room addition. The new space is now both functional and desirable.



*“Oak Alley was so easy to work with. Mike had weekly meetings with us so we would know what to expect. He’s a perfectionist—which we love, because we are too!”*

—Homeowners Julie & Bryan Bray

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# Kurtts Construction, Inc.

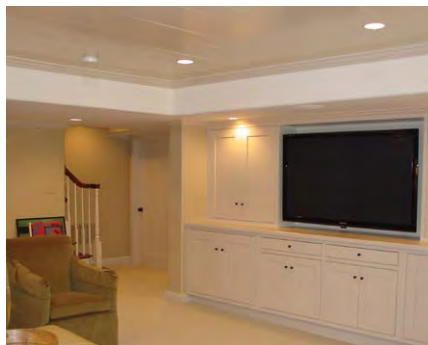
Whole house Remodel \$250,000 -  
\$500,000 • Landau Project



Initially the homeowners wanted to update the kitchen and breakfast areas. However, it was determined that space for entertaining was an additional priority. Removing walls between the kitchen, family and living rooms achieved the desired outcome. A large island is the focal point of the kitchen and contains a microwave, warming drawer, trash bin, wine rack, cookbook shelf and additional storage. It also serves as a small gathering area which flows into the larger living and family areas. The master bath update included adding an accent border throughout the shower and replacing glass tiles with stone tiles in an English bond pattern behind the tub. The end result was a whole house remodel which made the clients' dreams a reality.

## Kurtts Construction, Inc.

1st Place Basement Remodel  
Prater Basement



This basement went from a previously remodeled playroom with an outdated acoustical tile ceiling to a modern and comfortable media room for use by different age groups. The spaces include home

theater, two computer areas, powder room, ample storage including cedar lined closet, and oak staircase to first floor. The two computer areas feature one for the father with adequate file drawers and extra storage and one for the younger generation along with a multi-purpose table for projects, studying and games. The furniture arrangement centered on the television provides easy access to abundant book shelves for this family of avid readers. The open floor plan is perfect for entertaining family and friends, while careful design creates a functional and efficient space.