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Dear Friends:

Although conditions are starting to improve, your safety and health, as well as that of our staff, their families and our trade partners, is our top priority in these uncertain times. Atlantic Kitchen & Bath is continuing to follow the guidance of the Governor, the National Association of Home Builders and Remodelers, and the CDC in order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The Governor has classified our industry as "essential" to the safety of Delaware's citizens and the wellbeing of the state. While it is not business as usual, our team continues to move forward under the guidance of state and local authorities and the CDC.

As information becomes available we will continually update our information. We are taking steps to help fulfill our responsibilities to reduce the spread of the virus

- ◆ We are ensuring that our field operations are maintaining all CDC safety protocol guidelines to help prevent the spread of this disease.
- ◆ We are making sure our sales office is practicing sanitary precautions.
- ◆ We are limiting interactions in the field and in the office to minimize any exposure.
- ◆ We are getting vaccines as they become available.
- ◆ We are taking additional steps to make sure that even during the remodeling process, our field managers are inspecting, cleaning and making sure that anyone involved with the construction process is also practicing safety protocols.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call us at 302-645-8500

We want to thank our customers and prospective customers for your continued interest in our services. As always, we plan to continue with our quality building products and practices. As the situation surrounding the coronavirus continues to evolve, we will update you on the extra measures we are taking to ensure the ongoing safety of our employees, customers and communities and the plans we are implementing to maintain safety and reliable service.

We care about the safety of our customers, our communities and our staff!

Important News!



It's That Time of Year

What a crazy 2020 it was. We are all happy that it is over and we are all looking forward to moving past the limitations we have had to endure over the last year. The building industry in Sussex County is booming. We are gearing up to meet the increasing demand. We are increasing our staff and obtaining new suppliers to be able to better serve all of our new and returning customers.

We specialize in award winning custom designs for kitchens and baths. Looking for something special?

We are custom, we can do anything.

Don't wait? Get started now.

Atlantic Kitchen & Bath specializes in custom kitchen and bath designs as well as renovations, sunrooms, closet systems, outdoor kitchens, additions and restorations.

Give us a call today at 302.645.8500 to schedule an appointment.

Look us up on the web at www.AtlanticKB.com

What's Changing for 2021?

Work Environment: With more and more workers taking up remote positions, we are seeing even a larger demand for live/work-space renovations. The focus being on creating functional spaces that can double for both live/work purposes. New designs for built-in furniture that can be hidden away or used for work and storage. Improving sound insulation and things like colors, decorations, furnishings, room layout and lighting can have a big effect and create a calm environment for work.

Making Room for Multigenerational Households: This trend is emerging in major markets and is even being picked up on by large tract builders. More customers are asking for ways to create essentially two separate homes under one roof. This is not just down to the shifting dynamic among families but also because of the ability for the homeowners to monetize the extra space for long-term rentals or even Airbnb style short term leasing.

Extending the Indoors into the Outdoors: Creating a comfortable outdoor living space that is an extension of a homeowner's current space has become popular. Designs that naturally flow between indoors and outdoors with features like large sliding or folding glass doors, drop down screens on porch areas, outdoor heating lamps or fire pits and cozy couches can help extend relaxation times into the cooler months.

Kitchen/Great Room Changes: Many customers are opting to remove one or more kitchen walls to open up their living space so that it extends into their living area. With more families spending more and more time together, having a larger multi-functional gather space can increase quality family time.



Time for Change





Thai Coconut Curry Shrimp Noodle Soup

This is easy, delicious and tastes amazing! Great comfort food!

Ingredients:

- 2 tbs butter
- 1 lb. jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 large sweet onion
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1 inch finely chopped ginger
- 1 diced red bell pepper
- 1 tbs lime juice
- 1 tbs red curry paste
- 2—13oz can unsweetened coconut milk
- 4 C chicken broth
- 2 tsp fish sauce / 1 tsp soy sauce
- 2 lemongrass sticks
- 4 stems cilantro
- 4 Japanese dried chili pods
- 4-6 oz rice noodles



Instructions:

1. In a large stock pot, on medium heat melt butter, add onion and bell pepper and sauté until translucent.
1. Turn up heat and add garlic and ginger for 1 minute then add shrimp and sauté for 3 minutes.
2. Add curry and chili paste, give it a stir then add lime juice, fish sauce, soy sauce and chicken stock. Cook for 1 minute stirring frequently.
3. Whisk in coconut milk. Add cilantro, and lemon grass. For added heat you can add 4 dried chili pods. Bring to a boil then reduce to simmer for 8-10 minutes.
4. Remove lemongrass sticks, cilantro and chili pods. Add rice noodles and simmer for 5-6 minutes.

Creating Bathroom Oasis

Houzz 2021

How often have you escaped to your bathroom this year with the sole purpose of quote alone time? The experts at Houzz have the same idea, saying that with the right features, a bathroom can help reduce stress. According to a 2020 Houzz Bathroom Trends Study, two in five homeowners (41%) who renovated a master bathroom say they rely on their new space for rest and relaxation. It's time to start planning for designs that have large Jacuzzi soaking tubs, larger walk-in showers with multiple shower heads and rain/steam showers. Even sauna/showers with ample seating room are becoming more popular than ever.

Undecided, give us a call, we are glad to help bring you inspirational design ideas!



Visualize



Should You Refurbish Your Kitchen Cabinets, or Replace Them?

By L. Phillips / Home Organizing

Deciding between refinishing/refurbishing and replacing kitchen cabinets is a big and costly decision, so we turned to a design expert to help make the choice easier.

Kitchen cabinets have a lot of requirements to meet. They need to be sturdy with ample storage to hold dishes without having the shelving sag, they need to be securely attached to the walls, they need to withstand food splatters, spills, dings, and scratches from heavy kitchen traffic. The doors need to line up and the drawers need to slide easily. They need to be easy to clean and maintain. Easy enough, right? You wish. Finding kitchen cabinets that fulfill all these requirements *and* are relatively affordable isn't easy. A 2020 study found that most people budget and spend between \$25,001 and \$50,000+ on their kitchen renovations. This can be daunting, doubly so when you consider how quickly kitchen design styles shift. So, when it's time to update your kitchen, whether for functional or aesthetic purposes, you have to decide: Will you refinish or replace your kitchen cabinets?

We asked a design trend expert at who does wood refinishing to weigh in on what homeowners need to consider when making that high-stakes choice and this is their advice.

Refinishing Kitchen Cabinets

Experts say you should only consider refinishing the cabinets if the current design is functional and if the original material used is sturdy and still in good shape. If you don't want to change the layout of your cabinets, refinishing them can give a dated finish a fresh new look. High-quality wood cabinets are good candidates for refinishing. Replacing your cabinets may be necessary especially if the cabinets not good quality and are more than 8-10 years old. Refinishing hardy wood cabinets, instead of replacing them can be less expensive but not as much as you would think. Opting to refinish, rather than replace can maybe save you up to \$5,000+ but in the long run is it worth it? . If your cabinets aren't wood, refinishing wouldn't be an option. Lacquer cabinets are more contemporary looking, but they're not candidates for refinishing or even repainting, often. Many times the finished look is not everything you might have hoped for and many scratch and stain easily. Keep in mind that sometimes refurbishing, repainting your cabinets is only a temporary fix and may not yield the finished effect you had in mind. Plus, both of these processes are more expensive than most homeowner's realize. Research both options before making a final decision.

Replacing Kitchen Cabinets

Kitchen cabinets with significant damage or that are outdated should be replaced. Covering up warping, water damage, mold, or other issues that impact the quality of the material is only a temporary solution. Warping, 'cabinet soft spots,' and mold are all considered excessive damage and warrant immediate replacement. And, of course, you should replace your kitchen cabinets if the layout of the space doesn't work for you. If your biggest complaint with your kitchen is that the cabinets all seem to be in the wrong spots (or there aren't enough of them), the only solution is to replace them with a more thoughtful layout. Newer cabinetry offers multiple types of storage options to enhance and increase the storage space in your kitchen. Pantry roll outs, utensil trays, garbage pull-outs and built-in spice racks can really enhance your kitchen. New cabinetry also offers more of a long term solution for homeowners and gives them the ability to arrange their kitchen like they want.

At Atlantic Kitchen & Bath we specialize in kitchen remodeling and we offer several different lines of custom and semi custom cabinetry specifically built to fit your kitchen design. Give us a call today for a free estimate.

