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Atlantic Kitchen & Bath Newsletter

Atlantic Kitchen & Bath specializes in custom kitchen and bath designs as well as renovations, sunrooms, closet systems, outdoor kitchens and any type of remodeling, addition or restoration needs. Give us a call today at 302-947-9001 to schedule an appointment or look us up on the web at www.AtlanticKB.com

Special Announcements

Dear Friends:

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 following 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. Moving forward we are taking every precaution to ensure that our customers, our communities and our staff stay safe and well.

You Dream It and We Can Build It

We talk to customers all the time that say "Can you do this?" The answer is "Yes" we can. We are custom we can do anything. We have multiple lines of cabinetry, countertops, plumbing fixtures, lighting and more. But if you don't see what you want or if you have something special in mind, we will source it for you and include it in your custom remodel. Check out our website and see more of what we can do. Let us know how we can help you!



Taking The Stress Out of Your Kitchen Remodel

Houzz 2020

You have all heard the horror stories from friends and neighbors when their kitchen, bath or home remodel spun out of control. Perhaps it took twice as long as expected or it cost considerably more than budgeted. However, when planning your remodel you need to be realistic about the source of the delays or cost overruns. If you stop the project or make changes for any reason, it creates a ripple effect through your remodeling company's schedule and their subcontractor's schedule and they may not be readily available to jump back on your project when you are ready to restart. More often than not, you can avoid most remodeling problems with proper preparation and realistic expectations.



Budget Realistically

Researching costs online and relying on home and garden television are recipes for disaster. While HGTV is a wonderfully useful source of inspiration and ideas, it is horrendously unreliable as a source for timing and budget. Have you ever noticed on home improvement television there's an initial meeting and then work begins? What's missing are the many hours needed to develop designs, select, order and quality control products, obtain permits (if required) and schedule labor. HGTV also fails to mention the cost of labor, and that can be more than 50% of the overall expense; and many items have been donated by their sponsors. A professional designer and showroom is involved in hundreds of kitchen projects a year and knows what a remodel should cost. It would be best if you depended on your showroom professional to develop a realistic budget and timetable for your project. Even the best-laid plans can encounter the unexpected.

The Lowest Bid Rarely is the Lowest Cost

Homeowners who believe that the lowest bid and the cheapest products will deliver the best results are the ones who almost always are disappointed with results. Instead of the lowest cost, you should be looking to obtain the highest value. Value differs for each homeowner. Many clients who love to cook, want appliances that provide professional chef functionality. Other clients can't live without quartz countertops and custom cabinets. In every phase of a kitchen remodel, there are value opportunities. That is why it is critical to identify the design and product features that are most important to you and your family. To do so, we recommend clients create idea books on Instagram, Houzz, Pinterest and other idea-generating websites.

Design Makes a Huge Difference

Your new kitchen or bath should make you smile every time you cross the threshold. A professional designer can convert your vision into reality and provide a finished project that functions as well as it looks. That's why the planning stage of a project is critical to a project's success. This where you should find a company to take a deep dive into the details that make all of the difference.

If you would like additional ideas to reduce the stress of your remodel, please give us a call at 302.645.8500 or visit our showroom in Lewes on Coastal Highway. We have designers ready to work with you to make you smile!



Recipe Corner

There is nothing better during chilling weather than to cozy up with some of our favorite fall recipes!











Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients

- •2 tbsp butter
- •1/4 cup chopped onion
- •1/4 cup chopped celery
- •1/4 cup chopped carrots
- •1 medium potato peeled & cubed
- •1/4 tsp salt
- •1/8 tsp black pepper
- •1 medium cubed butternut squash
- •1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- •6 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- •drizzle of heavy cream optional, for garnish

Melt butter in large pot, sauté veggies except

squash & potato, until slightly translucent. Add the rest of the ingredients except cream and bring to a boil. Reduce, cover and simmer for at least 40 minutes. Transfer soup to a blender and blend until smooth. Return to



pot and taste to adjust seasoning. Add cream when ready to serve.

Turkey Biscuit Stew

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 can condensed chicken broth
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 1 cup cooked peas
- 1 cup cooked cubed carrots
- 1 tube large refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

In ovenproof skillet, sauté onion in butter, stir in flour, salt and pepper until blended. Gradually add broth and milk and bring to a boil. Add turkey, peas and carrots and heath through. Separate biscuits and arrange over the stew. Bake at 375° until biscuits are golden brown.



Apple Cider Hot Toddy

Ingredients:

- 4 ounces(1/2 cup) apple cider
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp honey
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1/4 cup bourbon

Combine apple cider, lemon juice, honey and cinnamon stick in a small sauce pan. Bring to a boil over medium/low heat then reduce and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in bourbon and serve.





T.S Eliot said "Every moment is a fresh beginning." Often, many of us wait for a new opportunity to turn over a new leaf and start afresh. But, what we tend to forget is that every moment is indeed a fresh beginning. We can start afresh only if we decide to do so. Opportunities will not surface out of nowhere. We have to look for them and work towards them in order to make things happen. Now is a time for a fresh new start and hope and faith that we are all together doing the best we can do to move forward.





Good Advice From Some Top Designing Professionals

- ♦ Injecting personal style and items with a story are what turn an average room into a stunning home.
- ♦ *Instead of always following the latest design trend, decorate with timeless pieces you love.*
- Avoid impulse buying by working within a tight colour palette and plan carefully to ensure the finished scheme works as a whole.
- ♦ The best interiors are those that take you and your lifestyle into consideration.
- ♦ If one is guided by a designer, take their advice don't play safe.
- Be brave enough to be yourself and trawl the trends for what you love, not what's fashionable. That way you'll still love your home next year, and the year after, and the year after that too.
 - Don't worry about what others will think. Design the room the way YOU want. Surround yourself with things that make you happy; things that hold lasting memories for you.
- Quality always matters. It will cost more to have to redo or replace, so make sure you are working with the best people and highest quality products.
- ♦ Try to really push your own boundaries. Your home is the place to experiment and create those wacky ideas you have in your head that will pull all the elements you like together.
- ♦ Don't leave the lighting until last, it can make or break a room.

Benjamin Franklin said: "A place for everything and everything in its place."



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