

An Eclectic Experience

Converting a second home for full-time living



The Berliner Home

MONROE, NY

FEATURES THAT WORK FINE FOR A SECOND HOME ARE OFTEN INADEQUATE FOR FULL-TIME LIVING. Such was the case in this older home overlooking a private lake in Monroe, New York.

The small kitchen and main living areas were woefully short of storage and an open floor plan meant very little wall space for cabinetry. The rest of the main level — while spacious — lacked definition for separate living and family areas, the room designated as a home office was bare and the downstairs recreation area needed a distinctive personality and functional entertainment center.

To achieve maximum storage space, the kitchen was redesigned for efficiency and a two-sided wall of cabinets finished in annagrays (sp?) wood was created. To unify design throughout the large living and family areas, support towers were redesigned and additional built-in cabinetry was installed in the same finishes and style.

For the office, a built-in desk and book cases transformed the bare room into a fully functional work area. Both the master bath and small powder room were modernized and downstairs, a circular bar was designed to take advantage of usable space. ■■



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“Any time we called, he was there. They took all of the worry out of doing a renovation.”

WE KNEW SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAD USED MASTERWORK THROUGH THE YEARS, SO WE’D SEEN THEIR WORK FIRST-HAND AND, IN OUR OPINIONS, NOBODY ELSE IN THE AREA CAME CLOSE. But, it wasn’t just a matter of design.

Everyone who recommended them spoke about Joe’s standards for quality, his personal level of involvement and the entire team’s follow through and attention to detail. We had a lot going on in our lives and were in the process of relocating. I didn’t want to worry—and I never had to.

Joe encouraged us to think through and vocalize every facet of our needs and then listened. I mean, really listened. The kitchen isn’t big and desperately needed storage, so instead of slapping cabinets up, he designed an entire wall of 2-sided cabinetry that’s both elegant and incredibly efficient. The rest of the main level is just as beautiful and functional and the entire bar downstairs was custom designed to compliment the space. It’s a work of art.

We just love our home and get compliments regularly. But the thing I love most about it, is that I never had to worry. ■■

