



AURORA CUSTOM REMODELING REPORTS TRENDS IN SMALL SPACE REMODELS AT HOME

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (June 21, 2010) – Many homeowners are faced with the dilemma of what to do with spare bedrooms once family members move out and they experience a mid-life change in their living habits. Jeff Brecko, vice president of Aurora Custom Remodeling, notes there is a growing trend by homeowners to remodel small spaces in their home to reflect their current lifestyle and living situation.

“We are meeting a large number of Baby Boomers whose children have moved out and who are ready to transform their under-utilized rooms into spaces that will accommodate their new hobbies and interests,” Brecko said. “The majority of these clients want to transform an empty bedroom into an art studio, home theater, game room or home gym, creating a space that will get much more use by those still living in the home.”

Brecko notes that it is important for homeowners to recognize their lifestyle and hobbies when contemplating a remodeling project. One of the most popular small renovations is transforming an empty bedroom into a personal home theater. Brecko recommends comfortable specialized seating, surround sound speakers, a large projection screen or flat-screen television, and entertaining features such as popcorn machines and concession areas to create personal home theaters. Enhancement features may include built-in cabinetry for a large TV and speakers, recessed fabric wall panels to absorb sounds, tiered ceiling treatments to provide better acoustics, complete perimeter sounds insulation, and various forms of accent lighting, such as step lights, wall sconces and fiber-optic lighting to add to the theater experience.

“A home theater should replicate the experience of a real movie theater with all the comforts of home,” Brecko said. “The room should be designed to maximize sound effects, minimize outside lighting, and create a memorable experience for viewers.”

Another common request for remodeling vacated bedroom spaces is the creation of an art studio. Art studios require maximizing the amount of natural sunlight by adding more windows and skylights, plus introducing sufficient artificial light sources for both production and display. Custom cabinets or closets for storing art materials and the proper flooring and counter top surfaces are essential to a well-designed studio.

“As the remodeler, it is important to understand exactly how the space will be used to maximize its functionality,” Brecko said. “For instance, if we are creating an art studio, it is critical that we know what kind of art will be produced – a studio used for painting is very different than one used for sculpting or photography.”

Many homeowners also turn their empty spaces into game rooms or home gyms, which often require the assistance of a professional remodeler to create open flexible spaces with the right flooring, decorative lighting and niche spaces for pool tables, dartboards, arcade games, video gaming, beverage centers and more.

“When contemplating the renovation of an unused room into a space which could accommodate a specific hobby or activity, it is important to ask yourself how the room can best meet your functional needs,” Brecko said. “It is also essential that you work closely with your remodeler to ensure even the smallest details are included that will make the room a rewarding experience for all who utilize it.”

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