

Toolbox News

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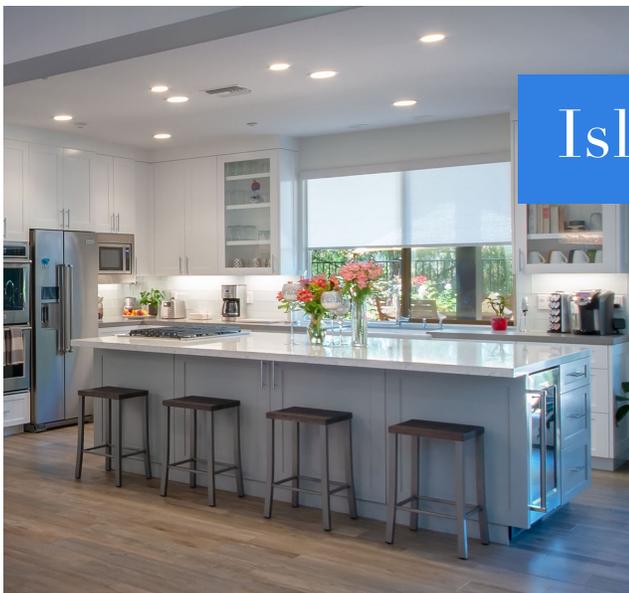


Kitchen Renewal

Kitchens being the hub of the house scream to be the main gathering place of every family. Whether its food or homework, office space or a gathering of friends making rustic pasta dishes together, we all love our kitchens. The colors and textures of an amazing kitchen are endless. Combinations of cabinets and slab counters are unlimited.

Function or Fancy

The very best of the best kitchens are ones that YOU love., The authentic kitchen that is yours and works best for you. Is the triangle work space even a real thing anymore? I say yes but.....design may yell louder than the strict adherence to a perfect triangle. You be the judge. I've witnessed awesome kitchens ignoring typical formats. Bring your inner rebel and have fun!



Island versus peninsula?

An island creates an eating / working / entertaining space for sure. The peninsula is the 'L' sticking out from the wall that reminds me of days gone by. Builders used the peninsula to enlarge the smaller kitchen. Opening up the space is ideal but sometimes you just cannot squeeze the island in without removal a structural wall. Thus the peninsula thrives as a work area or mini island as I like to call it. Here we transformed from a a dark dingy peninsula to a bright and gorgeous open space with a huge island.



Be original

This condo was old tired and frankly ugly before we started the reno. It is now a showstopper! The floor on an angle creates an invitation and enlargens the entire space. The cabinet layout altho extremely simple looking took alot of time to get it just right in the space we had to work with. Even the wall end cutout was created because of pipes we couldn't move. The problem became a design solution. Such an interesting shape! The single man owner fell in love with the final build. Clean and contemporary. Sleek and timeless. He continues to boast about the incredible transition from homely to prize winning stunner to his friends.

Tiny and mighty

Who says the small space doesnt work? I say let's do it! Create your working kitchen in scale to simplify your life. Consider it intimate instead of small. Togetherness and sharing is the new normal. Still every bit as powerful as the giant overgrown kitchens in the Mic-mansions of yesteryear. Precise and efficient is the new big kitchen in 2021!



Bling it

Bling is the descriptor to doing some shine in the kitchen space. Shine, a tiny bit of black and texture together go a long way to create your fantasy of all things food. This homeowner cracked me up when she finally told me that she never cooks at all! Her personality and quiet charisma is contagious. However her inner entertainer did surface when the cabernet was corked and poured into a crystal goblet!



My favorite tool



This Rigid brand of shop vac is an absolute must for any size project. I like the smaller one so it's not as heavy and bulky. I have 3 of them. One in the truck and two at other projects. It's so sweet because it sucks up all sorts of crap, is easy to empty and almost no complicated mechanical parts. It even sucks up water spills. It's a perfect tool that keeps the job-site clean with the 'no excuses' policy. Every woman needs one in her garage for sure! BTW it's a great gift giveaway.

Where do I start?

ANSWER: Start in your bathroom! Get your Bathroom Remodel Checklist for FREE? Download it now below.

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What makes you happy?

I've simplified my life over the past 5 years. It has taken a huge discipline to fight the 'accumulation' philosophy. There was a time when that is all I wanted was to gather more special things. Not so much anymore. I've shed thousands of pounds in re-purposing my 'stuff' and enjoying what really matters, PEOPLE...my family, friends, health and especially grandkids! Oh yes and my oxygen is always having at least two projects going at the same time. Giving back, sharing my knowledge of construction gives me joy and great peace.

