



### **Testimonials**

Thoughtful and innovative design, very good project management and excellent execution. For us, another very positive experience with Melton. –Dave and Mary Lou, Boulder

Some reasons I would recommend dealing with Melton: (1) They communicate excellently at every step of the project. (2) The results were exactly what I wanted and expected, based on the initial design. (3) The project was completed on time and on budget. (4) The quality of the materials and their workmanship was excellent. (5) They went out of their way to be accommodating and cooperative. –Lloyd B., Boulder



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# Melton Toolbox

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# A NOTE FROM TY

#### AFTER A WACKY WINTER, I AM LOOKING

forward to some mild weather and getting outdoors with my family. Having a great outdoor living space can really enhance the time you spend outdoors. I've seen spaces that range from a simple deck with a grill to elaborate outdoor living rooms with couches and televisions. Your outdoor space should be a reflection of your personal style and cater to the activities you and your family enjoy.

As you think about transitioning from indoors to out, you'll want to consider how much space you have to work with, the amount of sun or shade the area gets, how you plan to use it and how many people you envision gathering there.

Lately, I've seen several of our customers opt for three-season porches to ensure they can enjoy connecting with the outdoors even when the weather is less than optimal. A custom-designed outdoor room can blend seamlessly with the aesthetic of your home or create a whole new look.

If your style is more of an open-air space, consider a variety of materials such as composite decking, flagstone or even stamped concrete for the footprint. What you add can be anything from a grill—I'm loving using my smoker these days—to a full outdoor kitchen with a working sink and refrigerator. The most important thing about your outdoor living space is that you use it to enjoy time with friends and family.



# **Open House**

#### A cramped kitchen opens up to create a new floor plan

#### NICOLE AND JEFF COOPER RELOCATED TO BOULDER

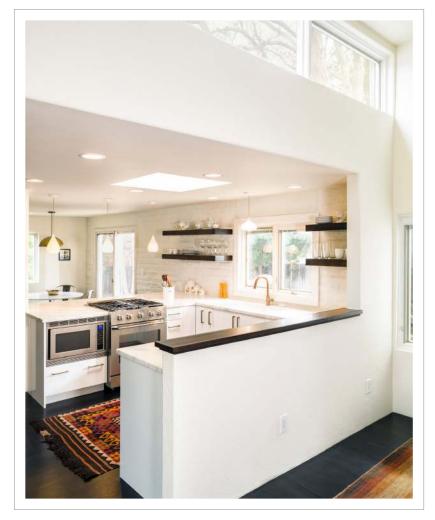
**from** San Francisco in mid-2014. The couple wanted a spacious home with an open floor plan. They instantly fell in love with a north Boulder home despite the fact that it needed a major kitchen update.

The original space was closed off from the surrounding rooms inhibiting the open layout the couple wanted. It was dark and uninviting. The couple longed for a modern, open floor plan and a light-filled space.

"The clients were great to work with," says Kitchen and Bath Designer Andrea Ingmire. "They are very design-conscious people and came to us with a strong idea of what they wanted for the space."

To accomplish the couple's goals, Melton's design team went to work on a design that would include removing a wall to create the sought-after open feel. The plan would rearrange the appliance layout and create new storage options that would work with less wall space. "Instead of removing the wall to the dining room completely we took it down to bar height," Ingmire says. "It's a pretty small kitchen so we needed to maintain storage and work space. Instead of wall cabinets

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weighing down the already low ceiling, we chose floating wood shelves to match the new floor and maintain the open feel." To enhance the connection to the adjoining spaces, the main level hardwood flooring was stained dark to create continuous flow throughout the space.

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"The couple also wanted to celebrate the mid-century architectural style of the home and incorporate high-impact finishes," Ingmire says. High-gloss white cabinetry and Calacatta mint marble countertops contrast the dark floor. Weathered brass hardware and fixtures add texture and warmth to the space.

The opened-up wall, new layout and strong finishes resulted in a bright space that flows into the adjacent rooms creating the open floor plan the Coopers love.

"The house feels more spacious and the rooms now feel more inclusive," Nicole says. "The kitchen feels connected to the house as a whole. It's not separated from the living room and dining room. And of course, now I'm cooking all the time."

# **Upcoming Events**

Melton Design Build is hosting in-house seminars on hot topics such as kitchen remodeling, bathroom remodeling and more. Check out our upcoming events, and be sure to visit our website to register.

Wednesday, March 18th, 5:30pm **Kitchen Remodel Planning Seminar**Interior Designers Renée Urbanowicz and Andrea Ingmire will walk you through the process of kitchen planning design and current trends.

Thursday, May 21st, 5:30pm **Building Your New Dream Home**Building in Boulder can be challenging. Let us walk you through the process and share design ideas and tips to guide you through building a new home from the ground up.

Wednesday, July 22nd, 5:30pm

Financing Your Remodel

John Lange of Premier Mortgage will present five options for financing your remodeling project to help you decide which is the best loan product for your situation.

Wednesday, September 16th, 5:30pm **Bathroom Remodel Planning Seminar**Interior Designers Renée Urbanowicz and
Andrea Ingmire present ideas for bathroom
planning and design as well as current trends
in bath design

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### **Hardware Hotline**

### Add bling to your kitchen and bath with decorative hardware

Hardware is often the final touch that adds a special sparkle to your kitchen or bath. Although hardware may seem like a small thing, it's important to make a good choice for a complete look. Our design team loves working closely with clients to choose a style and finish that will create a polished look to the overall design.

"We take choosing hardware very seriously because it's a great opportunity to really make the cabinet design pop," says Interior Designer Renée Urbanowicz.





This antiqued finish cup pull works beautifully in a traditional-style kitchen.

Cabinet hardware often has the ability to change the entire look of a space.

"It can really define the look of the home," says Architectural Associate Brendan Ash. Contemporary cabinetry can take on a transitional look when finished with some traditional-style pulls.

Design is such an important part of project planning, and Melton is sure to help you with all of the details down to the very last bit of bling.

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