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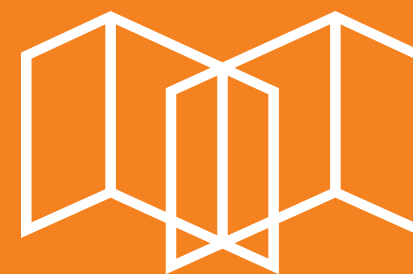


"It is refreshing to work with people who have such great pride in what they do. Because what they do is more important than I ever originally imagined: They were a huge part in making a place I love."

—Randall Rogers

"Having a designer make decisions for us was key...neither of us had any experience with remodeling... having someone to narrow our options down for us with an understanding of what we were looking for was great."

—Katie Wahr & Paul Calvert



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FRESH AIR

A young family gets an open floor plan and a strong connection to the outdoors

CREATING A PLACE FOR ENTERTAINING AND outdoor living was critical in this first-floor remodel in a home at the base of the foothills. The young family, with two small children, needed a kid-friendly space that was also comfortable and inviting for adults. Extending the home's footprint through the creation of an outdoor living space was an important part of the plan.

"The new owners of this canyon residence sought to transform the main living area of the dated home into a contemporary, light-filled dream home with an open floor plan," says in-house Architect Tom Cattany.

To accomplish this goal, Melton Design Build architect, Tom Cattany along with the homeowner's personal friend, Tim Stone of Kelly & Stone Architects in Steamboat Springs, created a plan for removing walls and opening the entire back of the home to the outdoors.

The main objectives were to create a strong connection between interior and exterior space; provide a flow of open space that functions for entertaining as well as for everyday use and to incorporate natural materials and finishes to complement the sleek and modern style.

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A NOTE FROM TY

I'M HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS IS Melton's 20th year of remodeling in Boulder County. Twenty years of doing the same thing is a long time. Thank goodness we haven't been doing the same thing all this time! We've been growing and improving over the years.

I started this business in 1993—we were known as Melton Group back then—building mostly commercial projects and custom cabinetry. Today, Melton employs more than 25 people, and we completed more than 50 remodeling projects in Boulder County last year with more than 10 percent of those being commercial construction.

I'm proud to know that the Melton name is well-respected in the community, and that we make our clients so happy they continually refer us to friends and family. After 20 years, it's great to take a moment and think of the beautiful projects we've completed, the hard-working staff who make this work possible and the fantastic clients who hire us.

Just because we've hit the 20-year mark, doesn't mean we're getting set in our ways. Melton will continue to strive for 100% client satisfaction, design more exciting projects and streamline our processes in construction. So, as we enter this new phase, you can be assured we intend to produce our best work yet.

—Ty Melton



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Several techniques were used to improve the openness and flow of the floor plan. Wall openings between the rooms were widened, walls were removed and two existing dropped steel beams were raised flush with the ceiling. Eliminating the dropped beams had significant impact by creating an uninterrupted ceiling throughout the dining, kitchen and living spaces. This visual queue indicates the space is one large one, adding to the flow of the open floor plan.

To meet the client's requirements for a strong indoor/outdoor connection, a raised lpe wood deck was built with a concrete fire pit and built-in grill. Aligning the top of the deck with the interior hardwood floor creates a seamless integrated connection between the indoor and outdoor living spaces.

"A series of NanaWall door and window systems opens the house to the outdoors, further dissolving the boundaries between interior and exterior space," says Cat-tany. "The pass-through exterior bar at the kitchen highlights the indoor/outdoor connection." ■



HOME REMODELING THAT INCREASES OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT & LIVING SPACE ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

IF YOU WANT TO INCREASE YOUR ENJOYMENT of Colorado's great outdoors, even while at home, consider these remodeling projects.

Outdoor Living Rooms: Whether made of stone, brick, wood or combinations of materials, outdoor living rooms are great places to gather with family and friends. Outdoor living spaces can be more than just a simple flat area of concrete, brick or stone. These spaces can be creatively designed and have multiple levels, half walls, columns and pergolas. They can include other interesting architectural elements, lighting and furniture.

For stylish entertaining don't forget to include a built-in barbeque, sink, and fridge. A dramatic fireplace or fire pit adds warmth – and the fun of making popcorn and toasting S'Mores. And for reducing stress and relaxing, hot tubs and spas also can be added.

Decks: Decks can be added to almost any floor of your home. They can have a single level or multiple levels. Small decks from upper floor bedrooms allow you to enjoy the great outdoors the moment you wake up, before you go to sleep or even do some star gazing when the mood strikes you. Plus upper floor decks often give you extraordinary views of our great scenery.

Decks off of family rooms and kitchens expand living space and offer great places for you to enjoy food, family and friends. With many homes having their kitchens and family rooms above ground level, decks also offer an easily accessible alternative to a ground level outdoor living area. And, don't forget all of the interesting architectural details you can include on your deck from built-in benches and storage to energy-efficient, dramatic lighting to privacy panels and more.

Decks can be open to the sky, have full or partial roofs or awnings and can even include screened or glass-enclosed rooms providing shade and extending the time you can use them during the year.

Windows and Glass Doors: With today's beautiful and energy-efficient glass windows and doors, you can make almost any room lighter and brighter and give it an amazing view. Adding more glass to your home brings in more natural light, enhancing moods for some and making rooms feel larger for all. When used between rooms and a deck, outdoor living space or lawn, windows and glass doors help link the two spaces making the living area inside visually extend outside.

If you would like to enjoy the outdoors more while still at home give us a call. ■

SHOWING OFF

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD FROM US a time or two about our new design center. We just can't get over being so excited about it. And it was recently awarded second place in the National Association of Home Builders Nationals Awards.

Our clients love working with the design team in this creative, inspiring space. We've amassed quite a few samples of tile, wood flooring, cabinets and countertops in a variety of colors, finishes and styles. We think it's like that place in Florida where the mouse lives...only it's for adults. And we certainly see our clients having that much fun in there. If you haven't been in to see it, here's what you're missing:



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