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KITCHEN MAKEOVERS

Three homes have been transformed by performing high-end custom renovations allowing rooms to look as if they've always been this way.

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LEXINGTON LAKE HOUSE
YOUNG'S CONTRACTING
& DEVELOPMENT, LLC
STEVE SCUTT, ARCHITECT
Photographs By KEN HICKS

Cherry wood throughout this custom kitchen on the lake transformed this lovely 30-year old home into an up-to-date modern day functioning kitchen.

"The owners love to cook and wanted to expand their kitchen space accordingly," said Andy Young, owner of Young's Contracting & Development, LLC, the custom home builder who created this area. The overall project included expanding and updating the home by adding a new screen porch, a brick oven and stone fireplace, tile floors and flagstone decks. A pergola and hot tub added more outside living options, and access to the lake was made easier through a series of stone walkways.

A new dining room was also added off of the kitchen, and it, too, features magnificent lake views. Inside the kitchen, new stainless steel appliances were installed, and the refrigerator and pantry doors were covered by custom cabinetry – all in cherry wood. A custom made, large butcher block countertop was placed on one island, and because of its size, two slabs were fused together by craftsmen to ensure a seamless look. A stylish commercial sink was also installed on the butcher block island. Granite countertops added the finishing touch, along with a pot filler faucet over the stove.

Coffered ceilings were added to counter-balance the room's décor. Young's also enlarged the opening area between the kitchen and dining area to add visual weight to the renovated area. A 12-ft wide slider from the living room opens to new screen porch. (The old ceiling was sloped and outdated.) The floors are all teak, craftsmen installed and finished. The result is an open, inviting, and completely updated kitchen and gathering space for two or 20 to enjoy. ■

SHARON LAKE HOME, LEXINGTON
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High-end renovations were used to update this 15-year-old home. Young's Contracting & Development, LLC opened the space between the living room and kitchen, to create a breakfast nook with built-in seating throughout the bay window area. All modern stainless steel appliances were installed. Custom cabinetry was built and installed by craftsmen, and subway tile was added as a backsplash. Granite countertops and cabinet paneling added the final details to complete this renovation. "This home was renovated on a very tight deadline

for the holidays, but we were able to finish everything on time," explained Andy Young. "The home is indicative of the kind of high-end renovations our company has been doing in recent years." Originally, Young's Contracting & Development, LLC focused on new home building, however, many owners now want to buy an older home to renovate and up fit in order to meet current tastes and standards. Andy is a certified Green Professional who incorporates green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. ■



