

REMODELING TIPS

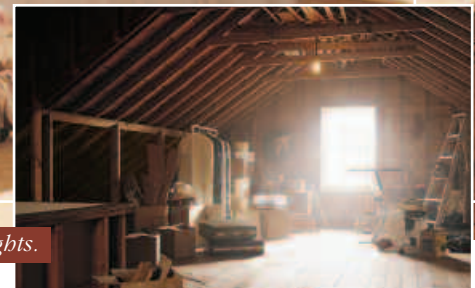
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A dark, unfinished attic space becomes a cheerful, sun-washed bedroom through the addition of skylights.



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PAN Handling

The holidays are past. Once again you've had to wedge that big roasting pan into the dark depths of your kitchen cabinet where it resides for the rest of the year. That meant first pulling out the mounds of pots, pans and lids that are stored in the front, and then later having to replace them on the shelf. This has occurred every year as long as you can remember. The same thing happens whenever you need to use your angel food cake pan. Have you ever thought how inconvenient that process is and that there's got to be a better way?

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The deep drawer helps you organize casserole dishes, pots, pans and lids.

Photo: Courtesy of KraftMaid Cabinetry (www.kraftmaid.com)

Remodeling: No Better Time To Do It!

If you have been thinking about remodeling in 2007 and are hesitating—don't. You could not have picked a better time to have work done on your home.

Studies have shown that by adding an addition, bathroom or new kitchen, you are creating the space you may need at a considerable savings compared to moving. At the same time you increase the equity of your current home and avoid the trauma of moving.

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Consider all the advantages of a window— it provides natural light; it connects you with views of your outside surroundings; it brings in fresh air; and it enhances the appearance of your home's interior and exterior. Windows are an important element of any home, yet are often overlooked during the design phase. Many times the decision of where to position a window is based solely on keeping a home's facade symmetrical, rather than optimizing how the window serves the room in which it is placed.



A playful combination of variously sized windows makes a unique design statement.

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This bathroom ceiling reflects the light streaming in through adjacent windows.

Before a floor plan is developed, it is important to analyze the site. Based on each room's orientation and considering the climate, you will want to maximize both daylighting and energy efficiency through careful window placement. In addition, give thought to the magnificent outdoor scenery you wish to capture and bring inside via an expanse of windows or a folding glass wall. Conversely, you may want to mask an unattractive view with a solid wall while bringing in fresh air and light with clerestory windows.

The standard way to position a window in a room is to center it in the exterior wall. Instead, envision the window relocated to one side or adjacent to the ceiling so that daylight reflects off the wall and ceiling surfaces into the space. This significantly brightens the room without the need for additional electric lights. A skylight or roof window adds even more light and visual drama to a room, and can be particularly useful where wall space for windows is unavailable.

Successfully using windows for fresh air ventilation also relies on strategic planning. Placing windows on a single wall in a room will rarely be enough to develop air circulation. Through ventilation depends on air currents that are created by opening windows on opposing walls or in nearby rooms. Roof windows, in combination with wall windows, produce updrafts that convey warm air outdoors, away from living areas.

Windows are available in a myriad of sizes, shapes, styles and materials and can be used in a variety of combinations to personalize the look of your home. Don't be afraid to use windows to add a little whimsy or excitement here and there. While it is essential to complement your home's architectural style, within those bounds be creative and express your individuality.

Seen and Heard

"Wow! Did you see Jacuzzi's new towel warming drawer? And you've got to check out Brewmatic's built-in coffee appliance!" This is the kind of buzz that went on at the 2006 Remodeling Show in Chicago. We're making it easy for you to get in on the excitement by highlighting just a couple of the fantastic new ideas for the home that were showcased in October.



Photo: Courtesy of Jacuzzi (www.jacuzzi.com)

Home Spa

Towel Warming Drawer

Now comes the ultimate after-shower indulgence. Up to four towels can be a toasty 120 degrees in only 15 minutes when draped over heat-generating poles in Jacuzzi's towel warming drawer. The versatile drawer, available in a standard 36" as well as 24" size, is easily adapted into new or existing bathrooms.



Photo: Courtesy of Brewmatic (www.brewmatic.com)

Premium Built-In Coffee Appliance

Every component of Brewmatic's home brewer is commercial quality in both design and application. Plumbed into your water supply, this space-saving unit includes programmable pre-set brew times. Unique in the home market is a system that will begin to brew coffee only when the optimal water temperature for full-bodied flavor is reached.

Color Forecast '07

Those of us who still have bathrooms decorated in '80s burgundy and forest green know it is impossible now to find towels to match. Color trends are continually shifting, fueled by the dictates of fashion mavens as well as consumer interest. When you are updating the look of your home, it is wise to be forward-thinking and choose among the many colors and finishes that comprise the upcoming color trends.

Sherwin-Williams puts together an annual color forecast to assist homeowners in making informed decisions regarding color palettes for their home. Becky Ralich Spak, senior designer for Sherwin-Williams Color Marketing and Design, presents the following five color directions that make up this year's forecast—colormix™ 07.



Sultry Origins Color Palette

Balanced Living

The design impact of our growing green-mindedness is a renewed appreciation for relaxed, natural elements and clean, pastoral hues, put together the way nature intended.

Elements:

- Technology-created natural finishes
- Recycled materials
- Weathered woods with color washes
- Leaf and branch motifs
- Weather-resistant coatings



Kinetic Contrasts

"This is a very dramatic look—white and black with punches of color. Strong contrast is the driving look and feel," says Ralich Spak.

Elements:

- Laser-cut fabrics
- Pop art/graphic art
- High-gloss finishes
- Patterns influenced by body art
- High contrast (white with black, bold accents)



Sultry Origins

Influences from Asia, Africa and the Middle East that once seemed daring and exotic are increasingly finding their way into American interiors.

Elements:

- Artisan and global craft traditions
- Geometric lines and shapes
- Carved exotic woods, embellishments, intricate details
- Indigenous materials
- Scrolling metal designs



Virtual Re-Mix

Nostalgia is going strong, with elements and colors that borrow freely from the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s. The new spin this time around is that there are no rules.

Elements:

- Retro silhouettes
- Vintage and vintage-inspired pieces
- Nostalgic details: rickrack, pompon, quilted appliqués
- Brocade fabrics, tropical and Pucci prints
- Grass cloth and flocked wall coverings



Understated Elegance

Technology brings a whole new dimension to neutral palettes, adding light and inner luster with textures and finishes we could never have imagined previously.

Elements:

- Clean lines, tailored details
- Luminescence
- Textural interest
- Mixed-value neutrals, warm with cool
- Relaxed elegance



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Take heart—kitchen storage finally has been reinvented! Now you can replace those inefficient storage cabinets with easy access deep drawers and/or cabinets with rollout trays. This is a user-friendly concept that is quickly catching on with busy homeowners who no longer want to spend time digging to the back of a cabinet, searching for the right pan. Imagine: you simply slide out a drawer, scan its contents, and lift out what you want!

This concept is not limited to pots and pans. Any item, from appliances to non-perishable foods, can be kept in a drawer. There is an innovative drawer solution for each purpose—such as pantry pullouts for organizing bottles and dry goods or drawers with dividers to arrange lids or serving trays.

Drawers also fit in well with the current trend for the long, lean, horizontal look in kitchen cabinetry and hardware. It is an elegant as well as practical remedy for making your food preparation experience an enjoyable one. Just think! If you take action now, by the time the holidays roll around again those special pans and utensils will be right at your fingertips.



A full-extension drawer makes all your cutlery and utensils easily accessible.

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