



A Balance of Values

The Duke Home MIDDLETOWN, NY

WHAT BEGAN AS A SIMPLE KITCHEN RENOVATION EVOLVED OVER TIME INTO AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING TRANSFORMATION OF THIS SUBURBAN HOME—ONE FLOWING DETAIL AT A TIME.

New cabinets and a center island brought a bright and airy personality to the kitchen. A much larger window for a view of the back yard made the kitchen warmer and instantly created the feeling of added space.

Traffic flow was accommodated more efficiently through small structural changes in the interior walls and doorways. New hardwood floors in the kitchen flowed naturally into other areas of the house and a newly configured laundry area completed the initial transformation.

When it became necessary to create an addition to accommodate aging parents with healthcare needs, attention was paid to both short-term and long-term needs. By redesigning the entrance to the garage and carefully matching the existing structure and materials, a bedroom and bath wing were seamlessly added to the structure, providing comfort now and value for the house's future resale. ■■



“We didn’t want to move but it was time for a new personality for our home. One of the best things about the result is that it looks like it’s always been there.”



The Duke Family

WHEN WE FIRST LOOKED INTO RENOVATION, WE THOUGHT WE COULD COORDINATE EVERYTHING OURSELVES AND SAVE MONEY. Once we saw just how complex and costly that process would be we asked Masterwork for assistance.

From the very beginning it was obvious the entire team really cared about making us happy. Joe never pressured or tried to convince us. He just patiently led us through the design process and helped us see how each detail related to the next. Understanding all the possibilities let us comfortably evolve our vision, intelligently choose which of our desires were really important and find cost-effective solutions to make those details a reality.

From the big things right down to the minutiae we never would have thought of ourselves, the whole team made us feel confident and in control. Instead of the tedious experience we were dreading, the entire process became an exciting, creative adventure.

So, when we needed to bring aging parents into our home, there was never any doubt about asking Masterwork to oversee the addition.

Our expanded home is lovely and our family needs are comfortably met. The investment in both our future and our quality of life was unquestionably worthwhile. ■■





Joe's Viewpoint

THE MOST GRATIFYING ASPECT OF THIS PROJECT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT WE WERE FIRST CALLED IN TO ACCOMPLISH. The kitchen redesign was a pleasure, of course. The Dukes ended up going with white cabinetry with back lighting and glass doors that instantly created a lighter and more airy feeling. This led to a restructure of the walls and doors that dramatically altered the traffic flow. After that, they chose to do new flooring throughout which really effected the entire house.

But, the real emotional gratification for me, personally, came when they asked us back to design an add-on to accommodate their decision to bring elder parents into their home. The parents needed a lot of personal attention, so the wing had to be large and private enough to accommodate in-home care professionals, but accessible enough for the family to be right there if need be.

I really enjoy every aspect of what we do for people and their homes, but it always strikes a special note when we can do something that so changes people's lives. ■■