



Overcoming Limitations

The Zanetti Home

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY



EFFICIENCY AND FUNCTIONALITY WERE THE WATCH WORDS WHEN THE ZANETTI FAMILY PURCHASED AND RENOVATED THE COUNTRY HOUSE HUSBAND, WAYNE, HAD VISITED AND PLAYED IN AS A CHILD.

The property was picturesque, but the home was small, inefficiently designed and hampered by severe angles that made day to day living difficult. By rethinking the home's dynamics and moving the main entrance upstairs, the dwelling has been made not just livable, but very comfortable indeed.

To best utilize space, the entrance's hallway was converted to a fully functional storage, craft and laundry area. Innovative closets, cabinets and counters ensure every nook and cranny performs to its maximum purpose.

Downstairs, the main living area incorporates new windowscaping and a built-in entertainment cabinet. The old entranceway has been converted into a spacious food pantry and the kitchen itself has been expanded to include a center island, custom-built exhaust hood and plenty of well designed storage cabinets.

The home became both functional and elegant, and limitations are no longer an issue in this charming country home. ■■



“Every time we saw a problem, Joe saw a solution that removed all our preconceived ideas and changed the whole dynamics of the house.”



The Zanetti Family

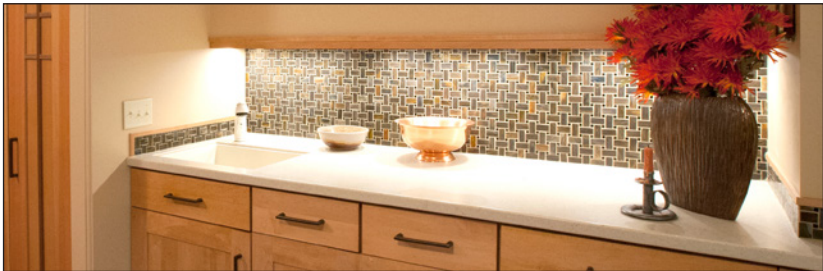
WE’RE JUST AMAZED AT THE TRANSITION THIS HOUSE WENT THROUGH AND FEEL LIKE WE STEPPED INTO THE PAGES OF A MAGAZINE.

Joe brought a fresh perspective and unbelievable creativity to every conversation we had and came up with solutions we never could have come up with on our own.

“I’m a former caterer, so I’m always in need of enough space to stretch out and produce,” said Mary Zanetti. Placing the range in a center island, angling counters and cabinets and converting the old entranceway into a large pantry opened everything up. But the biggest change came from looking at the house differently and moving the entrance. All we could say was, “Wow.”

We continued living in the house during the process and the only thing as impressive as Joe’s creative ideas were the professionalism and courtesy of everyone the Masterwork team. Everything was cleaned up by the time we came home and done exactly when and how it was promised. It was an absolute pleasure working with the entire crew.

We just couldn’t be happier. ■■



Joe’s Viewpoint

GOOD DESIGN CAN’T JUST BE FOR LOOKS—IT’S GOT TO WORK. With so many great finishes and materials out there it’s easy to make something look good, but practicality is the real key to successful design. You have to understand the clients’ needs and take advantage of available space to answer those needs.

This was an interesting house with multiple levels and vaulted spaces, but it was limited in size. The challenge was creating as much function as possible into the refinements without losing its original character.

Like all our projects, the planning process started with an exploration of the Zanetti’s needs then moved to their aesthetic tastes. From there we walked through the logical build and design progression together—you picked this, now you have the following choices and options. Each subsequent decision became easier for them because they truly understood the plan. They could join in the excitement because they knew it was going to be right for them. ■■

