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GEN XCELLENCE

People born in the USA between 1965 and 1982 are often referred to as Generation X or Gen X. A diverse group, Gen X is comprised of young families, couples, or singles, most of whom have come into full stride with their careers and are already homeowners.

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WELCOME SUMMER!!!

While it is great to be able to enjoy the warm weather and to tackle outdoor projects, summer is also a good time to assess our living space. We can all use more space in our homes. Your basement could be the best place to start. A well-designed finished basement can bring much needed additional living space to our homes.

As you may know, **All Phase Remodeling** has handled all phases of interior residential remodeling for the past 27 years. This

includes, but is not limited to kitchens, bathrooms, and basement remodeling. The scope of work runs from repairs to full-scale whole house remodeling. We take great pride in the individual attention paid to each project, which accounts for our large



base of satisfied customers. Our most successful form of advertisement has been recommendations from previous customers as well as repeat customers.

If you would like to extend your living space or update your kitchen or bathroom,

please do not hesitate to call our office to schedule an appointment. ■

GEN XCELLENCE

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Builder magazine's Concept Home - Gen X, on display during the International Builders' Show this year, was designed to fit the home design preferences that Gen Xers indicated on surveys. The two-story home served as an idea center for remodelers and builders at the show.

GEN XERS' HOME DESIGN WISH LIST

- 1 Open floor plans that favor gatherings and have access to the outdoors
- 2 Home office near the kitchen
- 3 Lots of technology and places to recharge mobile devices
- 4 Every available space filled with closets, cubbies and bulletin boards that eliminate clutter
- 5 A flexible guest suite that can be used for in-laws who are visiting or for other purposes
- 6 Areas to hang out together as a family



WISHES FULFILLED BY THE GEN X HOME

- 1 As you enter the Gen X home through its rotunda, directly ahead is the large open area integrating the kitchen, dining, and family room into one space that encourages mingling. With the exterior glass doors fully open to the outdoor living area, the living space doubles. Motorized screens provide pest-free enjoyment of the outdoors.
- 2 Around the corner to the right of the rotunda is the family office—private, yet visible through interior floor-to-ceiling glass windows. The entire family can use this office for various tasks, from doing homework, to working from home. To accommodate the ever-changing needs of a Gen X family, the floor plan for this room was designed for flexibility—easily transforming into a fitness room or hobby/craft room in the future.
- 3 To the left of the rotunda is the home technology closet, easily accessible from the common areas. Here the integrated wiring for the home's security system, data, whole house audio and video components all collect in one place.
- 4 Entering from the garage, you pass by a laundry room that doubles as a pet suite. A handy laundry drop leads from the master closet, while a chute extends from upstairs. Across the hall is the drop zone, outfitted with lockers, a bench seat, and a charging station.
- 5 The generous master suite is on the first floor, while a complete guest suite is located upstairs, along with three additional bedrooms. The guest suite is perfect for an au pair, for family members who visit, or for a parent who moves in with the kids and grandkids. The elevator is optional—if there is no elevator, the shaft becomes stacked storage closets. With the growing trend for multi-generational living in mind, this home was designed to be flexible.
- 6 A comfortable kids' zone upstairs provides a hangout for watching TV or playing video games. ■



SPACE THAT WORKS



Think about the types of work you wish to handle from your home office and that will help you determine a good location for your wall of work space. Do you need a quiet, out-of-the-way spot where you can fully concentrate on your tasks, free from distractions? Or do you want your work space placed in a central area of your home, like the kitchen or family room, where you can keep track of the kids while you are working? Will this office be used by your entire family, including children, or is it your own private space? Will it do double-duty for other activities, such as hobbies and crafts, or will it be strictly limited to office work?

computer and printer/scanner, so you will include appropriate storage space for those as well. Include adjustable shelving, so your storage wall will continue to meet your needs as you upgrade your equipment.

Good lighting is vital in your office, so you will not experience eye strain while you work. Include both general overhead lighting, as well as under-cabinet lighting that illuminates your desk surface. If possible, bring natural light into your work space via exterior windows, skylights or tubular skylights to create an invigorating work environment.

Are you needing a more substantial office/work space than that tiny desk in the corner of your kitchen? Unless you are operating your own business from your home, you may not need to dedicate an entire room as your office. A single floor-to-ceiling wall of cabinets, drawers and shelving, plus a generous desk surface, can give you the kind of organized space you are looking for.

As you are planning your office/work space, be sure to include a wide variety of storage options, such as cubbies and roll-out drawers with dividers. An office requires the storage of large bulky items, like reams of paper, as well as a number of smaller items, like pens and paperclips. Make a list of the equipment you will be using in your office, like your

If you will be sitting at your desk for considerable lengths of time, you will want to purchase an ergonomic chair that adjusts for height, seat tilt and lumbar support. These adjustments can help protect you from developing back and neck pain, as well as carpal tunnel syndrome. ■

New Product Introductions

COOK WHEREVER YOU WISH

What if you could place cookware anywhere on your cooktop? And what if you could conveniently use cookware of any size and shape? Unveiled this year by Thermador, the new Freedom Induction Cooktop eliminates conventional burners and instead offers one limitless cooking surface with a touchscreen interface. The cooktop automatically senses your cookware size, shape and position and

maintains the correct power level, even as you move your cookware around during the cooking process. The Freedom Cooktop offers all of the benefits of traditional induction technology: instantaneous and precise temperature control, making it as responsive as gas; safer cooking, as the surface stays cool to the touch; and easier cleaning with its smooth and flush ceramic glass surface. ■



Ten Top Kitchen & Bath Trends for 2012

The 2012 NKBA Design Trends Survey tallies the styles, materials and products that over 350 National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) member designers have incorporated into their most recent designs. The following are the 10 overall trends across the U.S. and Canada that were indicated by the survey.

KITCHENS



→ Darker Finishes

Natural wood finishes on kitchen cabinetry continues a steady move toward darker tones. White continues to be the most popular option for painted cabinetry. Another trend to note is that distressed finishes are making a comeback.

→ LED Lighting

There has been a steady increase in the number of designers using LED lighting, jumping from 54% to 70% over the past year. Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) aren't sharing in this trend. The use of incandescent bulbs is expected to fall next year, due in part to the U.S. ban on incandescent bulbs.

→ Glass Backsplashes

The use of glass for backsplashes is on the rise. It has recently been used by more than half of kitchen designers and trails only ceramic/porcelain tile at 74%, and natural stone tile at 60%. However, finishing off a granite or quartz countertop with a matching granite or quartz backsplash is quite common.

→ Pull-Out Faucets

Increasingly, designers are avoiding the standard faucet with a detached side spray in favor of pull-out models that integrate the two functions into one. The use of pull-out faucets has risen to 93%. These versatile models may be lessening the need for pot-filler faucets, which are down in popularity.

→ Cherry and Maple Wood Decline

Cherry and maple have jockeyed for the top spot each year as most popular type of wood for cabinetry. Heading into 2012, only 69% of kitchen designers recently specified cherry, and only 70% specified maple. A number of lesser-used woods are being specified, including oak, walnut, birch, and bamboo.

BATHROOMS



→ Medicine Cabinets

After several years of replacing medicine cabinets with decorative wall mirrors, designers are returning to the use of medicine cabinets as an effective way to gain additional storage without having to increase the footprint of a room.

KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS



→ Shades of Gray

The use of gray color schemes in kitchens and baths has risen dramatically over the past three years, to 33% this year in kitchens and 40% in bathrooms. Whites and off-whites continue to be the most popular color schemes, followed by beiges and bones.

→ Solid Surfaces

Although granite and quartz continue to be the clear #1 and #2 choice of countertops in kitchens and baths, a key trend over the past two years is the sudden rise in the use of solid surfaces. In bathrooms, however, marble is currently the third most popular vanity top material.

→ Transitional over Traditional

In both kitchens and bathrooms, transitional is now the most popular design style. Transitional is a blend of traditional and contemporary, with lines that are simpler than traditional, but a bit more elaborate than contemporary. The next most frequently used styles are traditional, then contemporary, shaker, arts & crafts, and cottage.

→ Polished Chrome Is Back

Polished chrome is staging a comeback, specified by 52% of designers in kitchens and 65% in bathrooms this year. The use of brushed nickel, brushed chrome and satin nickel is down. Only stainless steel has managed to buck the trend, as it rose this year in significance. Bronze finishes continue to be popular at 41% in both kitchens and baths. ■