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# Kingston Wins Two Major Awards Our Design-Build Team Does It Again!



The Washington D.C. metro chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) recently recognized Kingston with two of its coveted Contractor of the Year (COTY) awards. The top remodeling firms in the metro area submit projects completed in 2005 for recognition in various categories. Kingston took home the Merit award for a Residential Kitchen over \$100,000 and the Grand award for a Residential Detached Structure. In both instances the judges were impressed with architect Bernie Guay's innovative design and Kingston's quality construction, while meeting all of the client's expressed needs. Kingston's Rockville clients wanted to remodel and expand their existing kitchen into a two-cook arrangement without the means of an addition. It was important for the space to exhibit a clean, minimalist design reflective of the homeowner's Japanese heritage while improving the natural lighting, storage and traffic flow in the space.



The second award winner, a charming brick garage, was rebuilt and redesigned after the destruction of Hurricane Isabel over a year before. The new design included a window filled loft and an attached garden shed to accommodate the clients need for extra storage, and improved lighting. The aesthetic appeal with the main house was achieved through complimentary trim and structural details including new curved walkways constructed out of bricks recycled from the old garage.



To set up a free consultation regarding a project call Kingston Custom Builders at (703) 323-6527.

## What Kingston clients are saying about their builder....

"We bought a piece of property and hired an architect to design a house that we planned to sell. The first contractor abandoned the project, leaving some fairly serious mistakes. We hired Kingston to build the house and they were very helpful with some zoning issues as well as correcting the problems. They did first-rate work, were thorough, and friendly all throughout the project. When it was finished, because of the first-rate work Kingston did, we were able to sell the house easily and for the price we wanted, as it is rare to find such a beautifully constructed house."

-Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Sheila Blake  
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## Help After Katrina

**K**ingston's John Schmitt recently returned from a week in the hurricane ravaged town of Pascagula, Mississippi. He joined up with a team from the Washington metro area to help remodel a secondary school. John couldn't believe the level of destruction the region suffered from the massive storm. The project was a huge success, and gave the children who live there a safe place to resume their education.

# Remodeling Through Color

Did you know that the colors you select for your home have meaning and can set mood? Studies show that color can complement architecture, enhance or diminish the sense of space, create a particular ambience, and impact your daily moods. Color experts have studied how color is likely to affect you. Here is what they have found:

- ◆ Blue, universally a favorite, is recognized for its tranquil effects. However, if too dark or used too expansively, it can have a depressing effect.
- ◆ Red evokes excitement, and is an excellent accent. Often used in kitchens, it's felt that red enhances one's appetite.
- ◆ Green is either loved or heartily disliked, so take care when making this selection.
- ◆ Brown and orange are viewed as friendly and informal colors.
- ◆ Yellow, generally perceived as a cheery color, may make children feel depressed, so use it sparingly.
- ◆ Neutral colors can serve as a dramatic backdrop for furnishings, collections, and accessories. Neutrals also add the flexibility to introduce new colors seasonally with throw pillows, artwork and other decorative items.

When selecting your colors:

- ◆ Select exterior shades that harmonize with the home's surroundings; steer towards the earthier shades (i.e. a grey-blue vs. a bright royal blue).
- ◆ Consider the style and era of your home.- there may be some traditional colors associated with them- especially with Victorian and traditional Colonials.
- ◆ When viewing paint samples, look at chip sizes proportionate to how they will ultimately be used (e.g. if a wall will be painted taupe with a red accent, view a larger sample of the taupe paint against a smaller sample of the red).
- ◆ Less is more. Don't overuse a color, especially in a small room.
- ◆ Even though a color may be too strong for a whole wall, consider it for an accent color.
- ◆ Most importantly, select colors that work for you and your lifestyle, not what's considered "in" or "out" at that time. But don't be afraid to color your world- you'll find it will make a world of difference!

