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Remodeling

For the way you live

As families grow and change, so does the way we live in our homes. One Charlotte homeowner recently found herself wanting larger, more open living spaces to give her family and their three teenagers a relaxed, comfortable environment for entertaining their friends.

That's why, when she found a house with great bones and wonderful amenities (including the perfect basement for a teenage hangout) she bought it, even though the layout, décor and fixtures were outdated. Luckily, she had a clear vision of what she wanted, and the right builder in mind for the remodel.

Mike Towery, owner of Iron River Building Group, believes your building or remodeling project should be designed around the way you want to live in your home. He founded his company five years ago on the idea that homeowners deserve unique homes that are perfectly suited to their lifestyles.

"With this remodel, we followed the homeowner's vision to open the spaces and create cleaner, simpler lines that improved the flow throughout her home," says Mike. "We removed many of the columns, raised the flooring to eliminate the home's sunken den, and removed several walls to make all the rooms seem larger, more open and integrated with the rest of the house."

The home's existing flooring was also replaced. On the main floor, 24" x 24" natural travertine stone now enhances the new open spaces, dark hardwoods warm the upstairs halls, and acid-washed concrete is beautiful and durable on the basement floor.

In the kitchen, the existing small island with sink was replaced with a large double island and a new wet bar area. Though every area of the home was involved in the remodel, the process went

smoothly and was completed in six months. Mike credits the homeowner, who worked without an architect or a designer, for her vision and eye for design and detail, along with the open, consistent communication between the two.

"We were on the same wavelength every step of the way," says Mike. "Communication is vital to any building project, so we keep our clients informed and involved to ensure they'll be happy with their final results." ❖

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