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When Bryan and Theresa Bauer of Louisville, decided to remodel their kitchen, their goal was to optimize the existing space while creating a streamlined feel with simple, clean lines. One look at their gorgeous, newly-remodeled kitchen is all it takes to see that they definitely achieved the look they were going for. With help from Brendan Kennedy of Skyhook Designs and Benchmark Construction's Todd Schultz, the Bauers were able to bring their kitchen dream to life.

With two young sons, the Bauers needed a kitchen that was as open as it was functional, with plenty of opportunity for entertaining, space for family meals and

a layout that encouraged and invited conversation. “We wanted to create a new kitchen space that connected with the rest of the house, and would provide a clean, contemporary gathering space for the client’s family,” says Kennedy of his design inspiration for the Bauers’ kitchen. The harmonious blend of warm, earthy tones and simple, functional GE Monogram appliances brings a rustic yet modern feel to the Bauers’ kitchen, creating a sense of warmth and welcoming that comes through in every detail.

The remodel, which took approximately 4 months, brought the Bauers’ Louisville kitchen to another level by infusing elegance and style into a much-utilized space in the family home. Kennedy describes the transformation as





“from a caterpillar to a butterfly,” and characterizes it as “pretty tremendous.”

“Because the house is on a hilltop, we were able to expand and take advantage of the views,” explains Kennedy. The color palette of neutral earth tones blends seamlessly with the nature-inspired finishes, such as the granite countertops that mimic peeled Aspen logs and the wide-plank white oak flooring with a natural finish. The theme of elements found in the great outdoors carries over into the backsplash, which is comprised of natural limestone and glass rectangular mosaic. Maple cabinetry with a Candy stain and brushed nickel hardware beautifully sets off the lighter backsplash tiles and flooring, creating a balance of dark and light which plays well throughout the space. Natural light from the windows is augmented by LED ceiling and under-cabinet lighting, making the kitchen as energy-efficient as it is beautiful.

The GE Monogram series of appliances was chosen for the Bauers’ kitchen because of its clean, simple lines, keeping with the streamlined feel of the space. A stainless wall hood hangs over the cooktop, its brilliant stainless steel playing wonderfully off of the earthy undertones of the kitchen cabinetry as a stark contrast that ties it all together and lends a modern vibe. “The style is a clean contemporary look,” says Kennedy. “The space has good natural light so we went with slightly darker cabinetry, stainless appliances, and a white oak floor. Compared to the old kitchen layout the new kitchen feels so much more open and spacious. From a functional standpoint it has excellent flow and meets all the needs of a modern kitchen.”

Version 2.0 of the Bauers’ kitchen also gets the stamp of approval from the homeowners themselves, mostly due to its superior functionality and openness. “We have two active boys and the space is perfect when cooking meals and still being able to keep an eye on them,” says Theresa Bauer. The kitchen will also serve as the ideal hub for gatherings when the Bauers decide to entertain, something Theresa is already looking forward to. “The space is open and a great gathering place for family and friends to share good food, drinks and memories.” Cheers to that!

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