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Aloha Hawaii Home & Garden Network,

We want to welcome you to the inaugural issue of "Hawaii Home & Garden" magazine! Our hope is that you'll find a lot of helpful and useful information within these pages to help you with planning your remodel, and of course, finding that home remodeling contractor who can help you with it. One of the guiding goals of Hawaii Home & Garden Network's blogging and content program, along with the magazine, is to find a more efficient way to help Hawaii homeowners find, research and get to know the various businesses that make-up Hawaii's home remodeling industry. The other goal is to help home remodelers to better embrace the evolution and growth of the World Wide Web. This evolution will be a leading innovation in making home remodeling research in Hawaii far easier to do, thus lessening the impulse of putting off that remodel for a "better and easier" time.

Though we live in paradise, the challenges of day-to-day living are still a part of our reality. Working, living, playing and raising a family in Hawaii all face the same conditions found in other cities and neighborhoods across the U.S. and throughout the rest of the developed world. Population growth, overcrowding, traffic, the high cost of living and increased land development are just a few things that add to the difficulties of living in paradise. You only need to look at a Twitter feed on a day when a small accident on the Ewa side of H-1 near rail construction, or the failure of the ZipMobile, can cause an early, long and painful logjam and ruin a day for literally thousands of people.

One of the great things about the World Wide Web, A.K.A. the "Internet" or "the web", is just how much easier it makes doing things. I don't think I need to run off a grocery list of those things but in a broad sense, saying it's "a huge time saver" seems to encompass many of its benefits. The magazine, traditionally a paper medium, is a great vehicle to show off the versatility of the web. Within these pages, you'll be able to go beyond the photos and articles featured in the magazine. You can further your research and learn more about these remodelers by clicking on the multimedia icons you'll see throughout the magazine. You can watch their videos, read more blogs, listen to their soundbites and see even more photos. Throughout the magazine, you will see multimedia icon buttons which represent links to even more content about the Hawaii remodeler you were reading about. Please feel free to click away.

If we've been able to help you in any way to start your home remodel sooner, find a home remodeler that you trust a littler easier, create more time for you to spend at home with family and friends, or add another hour or two to your surf, SUP, canoeing, beach, hiking, barbecuing, et al. sessions, then we're doing our job.

In the meantime, thanks for joining us and happy remodeling!

Mahalo,

Rick Presser

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A HOME REMODEL WORTHY OF CONTEMPORARY PRAISE

Featuring Homeowners Design Center

Written by Andy Beth Miller

Photographs by Ryan Siphers

Remodeling the kitchen from a U-shape to an L-shape allowed for 6 workspaces.

Family owned and operated, Homeowners Design Center has been one of the top home building and home remodeling companies in Hawaii since 1969. They offer everything one needs for a home remodeling project, including flooring, kitchen and bath cabinets, countertops, window coverings and more. Self described as a "one-stop shop,"

the company and its expert staff of experienced kitchen and bath designers and flooring consultants are well-versed at updating your home to perfectly fit your needs and wants – and of course working within your budget.

A recent home remodel dream that Homeowners Design Center made a reality is the Pregitzer house, a full home renovation that included everything from a complete overhaul of the kitchen, to building a better bath and providing the living area with an entirely new look.

Homeowners Design Center's Sales Manager Randall Omoto explains how the company sat down with the homeowner and discovered that he wanted an updated and contemporary style for the home remodel, reflecting a more modern and minimalist feel.

Part of what helps the company plan for a home remodel is what they call the "want and need list." For the Pregitzers, this involved remodeling the kitchen – which was U-shaped, and congested with only 3 workspaces – and opening it to an updated L-shape, providing increased access,

better flow and 6 workspaces.

In remodeling the countertops, after being walked through the various options via Homeowners Design Center's 20/20 Design program – specialized software that provides a virtual rendering of the proposed design, including all elements and materials (even colors) to the customer – the Pregitzers chose a lovely natural stone, while preferring beautiful bamboo for their custom cabinetry. Old fashioned home remodeling meets modern day technology.

By replacing every inch of the old tile flooring with an attractive continuous flooring made of wood-plank vinyl (a near-replica of the real thing), the company was able to open-up the space exponentially. The incorporation of track lighting, accent lighting, built-in soffit and updated appliances, morphed the home's kitchen into a modernized contemporary cucina.

The home's bathroom was outdated, and by installing floating cabinets which were raised off the floor, Homeowners Design Center delivered a more modern feel, as well as a more minimalist and practical utilization of space.

“ With every client consultation, we realize we are there to not only give information, but to listen.

We listen - to help the homeowner find (and get) what they truly want out of the remodel. ”

RANDALL OMOTO



Remodeling the countertops with natural stone, beautiful bamboo cabinets and wood-plank vinyl flooring added snazzy updates to this contemporary home remodel.



And what home remodel would be complete without a custom-designed home entertainment center? Omoto explains how. "(Homeowners Design Center) was able to create a prototype using our 20/20 program, so the owners could see what everything would look like" – a revamp which included a customized area complete with open-


shelves and floating shelves, making for a more streamlined look and eliminating the need for a bulky sectional to hold any electronics.



THE FINAL RESULT?
A HOME REMODEL WORTHY OF CONTEMPORARY PRAISE.

The addition of a home entertainment center topped off this contemporary home remodel.

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“After” photo of new solid surface countertop, solid surface shower stall and custom cabinets.



A QUICK & AFFORDABLE BATHROOM FACELIFT

Featuring Hawaii Kitchen & Bath

Written by Enjy El-Kadi

Photographs by Cris Johnson

Looking to spruce up your basic bathroom, but don't have the space, time or money for a complete remodel overhaul? Hawaii Kitchen & Bath offers what they call an “affordable facelift with a quick turnaround.” Cris Johnson, co-owner and LEED Green Associate of Hawaii Kitchen & Bath, describes their latest bathroom renovation project as a quaint upstairs bathroom, in an Ahuimanu townhouse, that only took around two weeks and \$6,900 to complete. The perfect and painless bathroom facelift project.

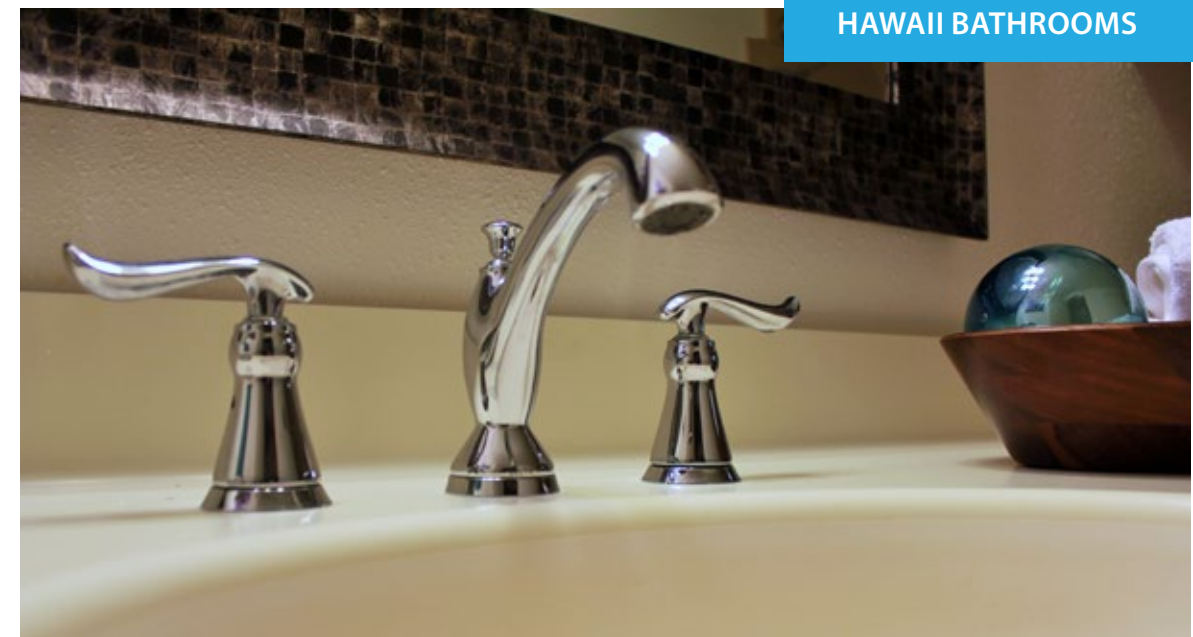
The homeowner knew exactly what she wanted in her dream bathroom. “A spa-inspired bath.” Divine inspira-

tion from her visit to Hawaii Kitchen & Bath's website perhaps? “The owner came to us after seeing our website and some of our spa-inspired cabinets. She wanted a facelift for the bathroom, but (she) didn't want to change the flooring or the lighting.” Spa-inspired bath décor typically contrasts dark cabinets with a bright, lighter-colored countertop to give the homeowner and their guests the relaxed feel of a spa experience.



After

“After” photo of new solid surface countertop and custom cabinets.



“ *When homeowners hear ‘custom cabinets and countertops,’ they often assume that the cost of the bathroom remodel will be out of their budget. But when they learn about the options of personalizing their space and selecting exactly what they want, they’re surprised by how affordable a custom build can be. It’s all about working with the customer’s budget.* ”

CRIS JOHNSON




Before

“Before” photo of vanity countertop and cabinets.

Working with a reasonable bathroom renovation budget, the homeowner mainly wanted to focus on updating the current vanity countertop and the existing 1970s-era, off-the-shelf cabinets. “The existing cabinets were chocolate brown, (which) she didn’t mind, but she wanted a fresher look. They weren’t custom to the space.” She also wanted Hawaii Kitchen & Bath to change out the space-consuming bathtub for the more compact option of a custom shower pan with matching walls.

With the homeowner’s wishes and budget in mind, Hawaii Kitchen & Bath designed custom cabinets with espresso-striped detail, adequate storage space, and soft-close drawer slides, just in case a visiting grandchild had grand visions of “playing” with grandma’s new cabinets in ways only a child can. An additional cabinet was built in above the toilet “...because very tall husbands hate bending down for their stuff.” The custom, solid surface, HI-MACS countertop came with an integral sink and an easy-to-clean backsplash that was installed without using grout or silicon joints. Just one of the reasons why people love solid surface in a bathroom.

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After

"After" photo of the bath converted into a solid surface shower stall with shower pan and caddies.

Even small changes to an outdated space, such as replacing your old cabinets and countertops with custom options, can turn a basic bathroom into an elegant spa. Now all that's left is finding room for that massage table somewhere.



Before

"Before" photo of bath converted to a solid surface shower.



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