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elcome to the latest issue of *create*. Within, you'll see some fantastic work by our members, along with valuable information to help plan your remodeling project.

A great place to start is nailing down who is going to build your project, supply the tiles, furnish the appliances...the million and one components that make up a typical project. Listed in the enclosed directory are all of our members; contractors specializing in all sorts of projects, and associate members who can furnish everything you need to build them, from foundations to finials! Of particular note are those firms which employ certified staff.



Whether certified remodelers, remodeling carpenters, aging in place specialists, or green building professionals, you can take comfort knowing that these firms lead the way in their commitment to best practices, and to making your project as painless as possible.

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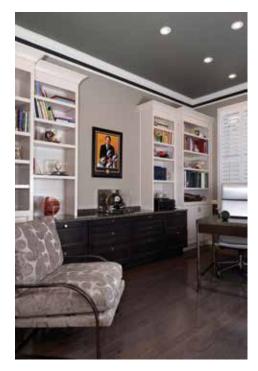


our years ago John and Mary
Eichelberger, longtime Burke
residents and federal employees,
bought a home in the Dominion
Valley Hunt development in
Haymarket, Va. They purchased a home
in the 50-plus section knowing they
would want to retire there in a few years.

When it came time to move in, they realized they wanted to start fresh. Their former home was tasteful and traditional, but not current, and not necessarily low maintenance. They needed and wanted a change, so they enlisted designer June Shea of Shea Studio Interiors for help. Together, we envisioned a contemporary,

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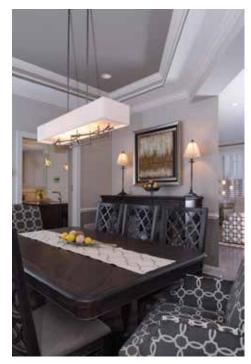
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comfortable and low-maintenance home design where they could age-in-place for many years to come.

To start the transformation, Mary and John shared several photos they had collected from magazines and HOUZZ that showed light cabinets against dark floors which then became the inspiration for the color scheme.

The result was a more functional layout that took the previous focal point — the fireplace — and moved it to a completely different wall, allowing for a better conversational area in the family room. The bonus was that it allowed for a new fireplace wall, which provided additional wall space in the dining space behind it. A complete change, as the previous



kitchen design was not functional and invaded the family room space. Redefining the kitchen with a smaller island allowed for better flow and more direct access into the house.

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The kitchen was designed for low maintenance, with quartz solid surfaces and porcelain tile on the backsplash. Light-colored cabinets on the perimeter kept the space light and airy, and the darker island became a dramatic accent. Fabric for the stools are easy-care polyester tweed. By using a composite SilGranite sink from Blanco that matched the countertop, the sink blends into the background. Under-cabinet lighting and outlets are hidden beneath the cabinets using Leviton plug strips and LED lighting.

Prefinished dark floors in a walnut color accents the light-colored furnishings. There are no transitions in the floor, which alleviates any potential tripping hazards. Decorative tiles provides the transition from wood floors to a slate-like porcelain.

In the master bathroom, a large shower with a built-in bench, along with a handheld for a seated shower, adds beauty and functionality, along with added blocking behind the wall for future grab bars. A generous space also allows for a transition to assisted mobility.

New LED recessed lighting keeps the

space well-lit, with dimmers to control lighting. Previously, the ceilings included many interesting moldings that were underwhelming without color variation to set them off.

The icing on the cake are the modern pendants using silver and recycled glass, and decorative tiles that are easy to care for. The epoxy-based grout reduces the need for costly maintenance as it keeps its color, doesn't crack or stain. The resulting effect: a home that is contemporary, livable, and easy to maintain and enjoy for years to come.

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