



This 5,200 square foot residence was a showcase home back in the 80s, but now it felt dated and in need of a whole house remodel. The kitchen required a complete reorganization of the layout in order to fit the lifestyle of its new owners. The wife is an eager home chef and loves to entertain. She desired a bright, open space in which to work, gather the family together, and make guests feel welcome.

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Pirate Principles with Steve Monroe

Cody joined Steve Monroe, outstanding speaker and workshop facilitator, in presenting a dynamic seminar entitled "Who Says It has to be a Fair Fight?" at the 21st Century Building Expo & Conference on September 15, 2016 in Charlotte, NC. The duo shared some Black Beard principles that small family-owned building companies can use to "fight" against the nationwide chains. The attendees left with an assurance that they can have significant presence in their market, regardless of the size of their competitors.





Before



After

MODULAR CONCEPT

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The homeowner's vision was for a modern aesthetic—clean and functional—that would offer enough flexibility to meet the ever-changing uses of the space. She also wanted to make the most of the incredible outdoor vistas that could be enjoyed if the kitchen were oriented in the direction of the floor-to-ceiling windows.

The existing design challenges included a large, curved peninsula seating area that cut off the kitchen from the rest of the living space. The seating area was poorly designed so that everyone faced away from the gorgeous views of the home's outdoor surroundings. A low 7 ft. ceiling made the kitchen feel dark and cramped.

By replacing the peninsula with a sizable island, the kitchen has been given a more useable counter area that allows the views to become the design focal point. The upper wall cabinets were replaced by open shelving, helping draw attention away from the unusually low ceilings. A neutral, modern color palette and stylish fixtures transformed the look of the kitchen, which now has an open concept feel.

The homeowner decided to forego the standard kitchen triangle. Instead she went with a modular refrigeration concept that offers efficient kitchen flow while providing incredible flexibility. She chose to design her kitchen with undercounter modular refrigerators, freezers, and wine cabinets from U-Line. This allowed her to break

away from the limitations associated with traditional upright refrigerators. Instead of having one central cooling zone, she now has several satellite cooling zones with each unit serving a specific need.

Adjacent to the prep sink in the island the homeowner installed refrigerator drawers. She keeps root vegetables in the lower drawer (set to Root Vegetable mode), while fresh vegetables are preserved in the upper drawer at a cooler temperature (Market mode). She can easily wash and chop the vegetables, all the while saving steps.

On the opposite side of the generous island are a variety of other modular refrigeration units, each set to a different mode, such as Pantry mode, Polar mode, Beverage mode, and Deli mode. These settings may all be readjusted according to the family's changing needs and desires.

At the outer edge of the kitchen an independent dual-zone wine captain is installed beneath a built-in coffee system. This is the homeowner's entertainment zone where guests are encouraged to help themselves to their favorite beverages in a location apart from the work zone.

Recently, when the homeowner hosted twelve out-of-town guests for a three-day weekend, she organized the refrigeration to make it easy for her guests to help themselves to their varied breakfast preferences. Everyone was amazed at the efficient kitchen flow that allowed them to spread throughout the kitchen, instead of crowding around one central area. Modular refrigeration offers an innovative way to design a kitchen that can offer higher efficiency and flexibility.

Photos: Courtesy of U-Line (www.u-line.com)

Not-So-Lazy Susan

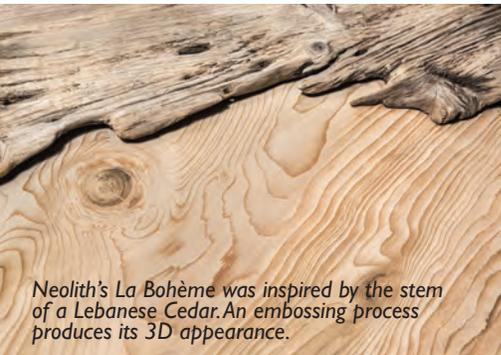
In 1917, as our country was embroiled in the conflicts of WW I, many homeowners were having trouble finding domestic servants. Therefore, household efficiency became a huge topic. An ad in the December 1917 issue of Vanity Fair magazine promoted a 16" revolving tabletop tray—described by their inventive copywriter as "Lazy Susan, the cleverest waitress in the world, at your service." This was the first time that terminology was used, but the name stuck. By the 1950s almost every kitchen boasted a multi-tiered Lazy Susan in the corner cabinets.

Almost 100 years later, household efficiency continues to be an important subject. Our modern lifestyle keeps families continually on the go, and having convenient, easily accessible places to store items in the kitchen is crucial. A variety of pull-out corner cabinet organizers are now in hot competition with the traditional Lazy Susan to provide the optimal storage solution in today's kitchen.

Enter the "Not-So-Lazy Susan," the latest creation this year from the husband and wife design duo from Glideware. This unit is a hard worker, revolutionizing corner cabinet storage by using the cabinet space from top to bottom. It provides easy fingertip access to cookware, and avoids the need to stack it—keeping pans from scratching. The Not-So-Lazy Susan is at your service. ■



Photo: Courtesy of Glideware (www.glideware.com)



Neolith's La Bohème was inspired by the stem of a Lebanese Cedar. An embossing process produces its 3D appearance.

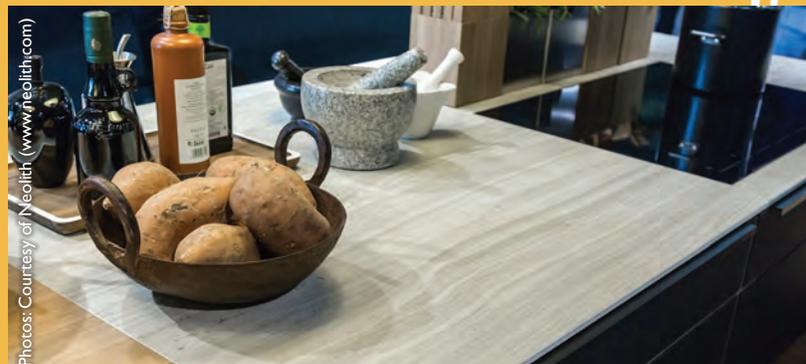
ULTRA COMPACT

The sleek, streamlined look has become increasingly popular for the design of home interiors, as is quite evident from Houzz.com and HGTV. Those wide open, uncluttered spaces—transitioning seamlessly from indoors to outdoors—are examples of this trend. Now a remarkable high performance material, the ultra compact surface, has been developed to help you achieve this look of clean lines and seamless design throughout your home. These thin, ultra compact, large format slabs can be used on your walls, backsplashes, countertops, shower walls, flooring, outdoor deck surfaces, and even exterior facades. The slabs are available in a multitude of sizes, patterns, colors and finishes to fit your style preference.

These ultra compact slabs are produced using a new high tech process called "particle sintering" that replicates in a few hours the natural process of metamorphic change that rocks undergo when subjected to heat and pressure over many years. The raw materials found in glass, porcelain and quartz are placed under incredibly high heat (typically +2100° Fahrenheit) and pressure (5900 pounds per square inch) in enormous presses so they fuse together to create an ultra compact surface. These products were first produced in Europe and were not available in the U.S. until

recently. Now they are rapidly changing the outlook for upscale home designs, even giving granite and quartz some competition. Examples of this material are Neolith from TheSize, Dekton from Cosentino and Lapitec from Breton.

These exceptionally durable slabs are resistant to thermal shock against heat, frost and thawing as well as resistant to ultra violet light and therefore perfect for outdoor applications. The material is heat resistant up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit, so you can confidently place hot pans directly on your kitchen countertop without the use of trivets. It is also chemical resistant, so if you accidentally splash any common household chemicals like bleach, drain cleaners or oven degreasers on it, it will not be harmed. The ultra compact slabs are waterproof with near zero absorption—actually preventing the growth of bacteria. A countertop made from this material is hygienic and suitable for direct food contact, so you can slice meat or vegetables on it when doing food prep. The material resists scratches, abrasion and wear, and is 100 percent recyclable. You do not need to apply sealers to protect it; just use simple soap and water to clean it. ■



Photos: Courtesy of Neolith (www.neolith.com)

Neolith's Strata Argentum, inspired by Silver Travertine marble, replicates the original texture of natural stone at its rawest state.

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Tile Shower Goes Above and Beyond

The Leonhardt's master bathroom was practically new, but they were not pleased with the design of the bathtub/shower unit. The original home owners had installed a drop-in jetted tub with a tile deck surround, a shower head in the tub area, and a rectangular shower curtain rod suspended from the ceiling. Our clients decided to avoid the jetted tub because black mold had formed in the pipes and spewed out at them when they filled the tub. Whenever our clients used the shower, the shower curtain would suck inward on them—an annoying phenomenon called “the shower-curtain effect”. In addition, there was no niche in the shower area for toiletries, and water damage was beginning to show up on the tile.



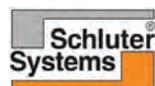
Vision Design Build Remodel replaced their tub with a large 42" x 72" tile shower. The spa-like shower features frameless glass doors, a built-in bench, a niche for toiletries and beautiful tile that coordinates nicely with the original floor tile. Best of all, we used the Schluter®-Shower System as the foundation for the Leonhardt's shower. This system guarantees our clients a leakproof shower experience.

“The consultation we received from Cody at Vision Design Build Remodel was the only one we had to pay for, but we liked the way Cody handled things. He described to us in detail about how he was going to make it all work with the Schluter system. He oozes confidence—we felt we could trust him completely. We checked

his references, noticing that his clients all said they would hire him again. We googled the Schluter®-Shower System and it sounded great. After two months of very careful consideration, we awarded Vision Design Build Remodel the job.

The entire construction process was smooth and satisfying. Cody came often to update me on the progress and he installed the Schluter®-Shower System himself. There was not one snafu, not one surprise...except for some extras that we didn't pay for. We will definitely hire Cody again in the future—next time to build us a screened porch.”

—Johanna and Paul Leonhardt, Caldwell County



INNOVATIVE INSTALLATION SYSTEMS FOR TILE AND STONE

The Schluter®-Shower System

As a professional North Carolina Accredited Master Builder (AMB) and Accredited Remodeler (AR), Vision Design Build Remodel is dedicated to making sure your project satisfies you. We carefully research and choose quality materials for your project and we are meticulous in their installation. For this reason, we use the Schluter®-Shower System for all the tile showers we install, rather than the standard mud bed with a rubber pan. We have torn out many of the standard mud bed showers in the past because they were leaking.

Using the Schluter®-Shower System, we can even go above and beyond code requirements for your project. For example, the NC building code requires a 10 minute water test for all tile pans or floors. That is the bare minimum. We conduct a 24 hour water test after each shower system is complete. First we place a plug in the drain and then we fill the bottom of the shower with 2" of water. After the water is allowed to sit overnight, we return to make sure the water has not leaked anywhere. The waterproof system performs so well that we have never experienced any leaks.

