



## Luxury Features Desired in Kitchens

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## Happy Holidays!

The holidays are fast-approaching and our team at Vision Design Build Remodel wants to wish you a **Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!** We are thankful for our past clients, friends, and family for their willingness to refer us. Thankful for our current clients, as they work with us to make their dreams for better living a reality. And our future clients, as they help continue Vision Design Build Remodel as the growing, successful business that it is.

Sincerely,  
Cody Byrd, AMB, AR, CGR, CAPS, CGP  
Owner

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*Thank you to our clients, past and future*

### “Best Builder”.

Our goal is to be the best in our profession and making sure that Vision Design Build Remodel delivers exactly what we promise to our clients.

*Again,  
thank you for this honor!*

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A public survey by the Lenoir News Topic was revealed on Sunday, September 23 and we are proud to announce that we won “Best Builder of 2017”! We were happy to be voted in the #1 spot. Thank you to all of our clients past, present, and future! We strive to make your remodeling dreams come true!



## DESIGN STUDIO UPDATE

We are still underway on the major renovation of our new office. We have installed our signature package of Pella windows and Tyvek vapor barrier to help seal up the old home and the craftsman style Nichiha fiber cement siding is almost complete. The newly poured concrete accessible entrance ramp will make it easier for entry into the building. Work is now underway on the interior mechanical components. We are busy installing new PEX plumbing systems, new electrical systems, and a new gas furnace! Next up is the new insulation and it won't be long until the drywall will be finished. We look forward to serving you in our new office soon!

# Luxury Features Desired in Kitchens

It is an exciting time to be planning your next kitchen remodeling project! More than ever, designers and manufacturers are getting highly creative as they focus on new ways to make kitchens into everyone's favorite spot in the home. Each family has its individual wants and needs for their kitchen—and today these numerous desires can be met, as incredible as it may seem. From organizational systems, to smart technology, to accessibility—these luxury features are all here and now.

What are some of the luxury features that are in demand by homeowners today? The most recent American Institute of Architects (AIA) Home Design Trends Survey indicates that the desire to entertain friends and family at home is continuing to grow. To help those get-togethers flow smoothly and effortlessly, homeowners are requesting butler pantries, double islands, undercounter appliances, and wine refrigeration and storage options. These items make it possible for several people to be at work in the kitchen at the same time without getting in each other's way—so the homeowner can happily take advantage of offers to help. Depending on their placement, these items may also permit guests to serve themselves, which allows the homeowner to relax as well.

The captivating appeal of new technology and energy-efficiency is behind the mounting demand for induction cooking appliances, device recharging stations, drinking water filtration systems and



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smart appliances. New smart appliances are being introduced on a continual basis, with the promise of providing more convenience and safety in the home.

The passion for adaptability/universal design is rising as increasing numbers of boomers are choosing to age-in-place. Cabinet pull-outs and pull-downs, variable height countertops, and sensor faucets all contribute to accessibility—and these are luxury features that have been showing increased interest since last year. Wider doorways and aisles, plus layered lighting schemes greatly benefit the homeowner as well.

Be sure to consider which of these luxury features you would like included in your kitchen—before you begin your remodeling project. There are so many options, but certain ones are just right for you.





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# UNIQUE SURFACES

*IceStone surfaces are made from 100% recycled glass and cement. These surfaces are ideal for countertops, back splashes, bathrooms, tabletops, bar tops, fireplace surrounds, conference tables, and reception areas.*



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*PaperStone is made from 100% post-consumer recycled paper and a proprietary, petroleum-free resin. PaperStone is recommended for residential kitchen and bath and commercial uses.*

Sustainability, with its several principles, is one of the strongest emerging trends in kitchen and bath design today. For example, as a homeowner you may be particularly concerned about healthy home design that promotes well-being for yourself and your family. In addition, energy and water efficiency has most likely become very important to you because it lowers your utility bills.

Still, there are other facets of sustainability that are now coming to the forefront in kitchen and bath design, one of which is

recycling. Each week you place all your old newspapers, glass bottles and aluminum cans in a recycling bin that is regularly picked up curbside. Perhaps you simply think of it as an effortless way to get rid of your trash. But did you know these kinds of items are currently being recycled into attractive new products for the kitchen and bath?

Several manufacturers who passionately believe in sustainability are presently using both consumer and manufacturing waste materials to create beautiful, responsible surfacing materials for the kitchen and bath.

Three of these brands recently partnered together to make their products easily available to homeowners like yourself who are looking for better alternatives to granite and quartz surfaces. Made up of sustainable surfacing brands Durat, IceStone and PaperStone, along with distributors CaraGreen and Cerami Inc., the new company, Modern Surfaces, is driven to create beauty and utility out of waste. Its goal is to positively impact the environment and improve our lives now and in the future.

# Control Your Faucet

While you are preparing meals in your kitchen, it goes without saying that your hands will become messy. Of course, you do not want to spread germs by touching your kitchen faucet. There are many different ways to activate a faucet these days without actually touching it, and it is a good idea to carefully consider each one before you make your purchase.

Motion sensor (or Touchless) faucets allow water to flow when motion is detected. You do not have to touch the faucet with messy hands. This feature can help save water, since it will automatically turn off the water when there is no motion.

Touch-sensitive (or Touch-On) faucets will activate with a simple tap anywhere on the faucet. You could use your wrist or elbow, when your hands are messy. This is a much less expensive option than a motion sensor faucet.

FootControl faucets by GROHE are a new option designed for situations when you simply cannot get your hands in a position to turn on the faucet—either by motion or touch—such as when you are holding a heavy pot of water with both hands. A FootControl sensor mounted to the underside of your cabinet connects to a control box that sits inside your cabinetry. Gently tap the sensor with your foot to turn the water on and off. When you do not need to use the foot control, the faucet will still function like a standard kitchen faucet.



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# Beautiful Bathroom Remodel in Collettsville

As a previous client of ours, this family knew who to call when it was time to remodel their bathroom in their beautiful Collettsville area mountain home. Also as a recipient of our quarterly print newsletter, they wanted a space that could be featured in one of our articles!

When Cody met with the couple about their project, it was clear that they needed better storage options, a more user friendly space, and some safety features. During the Project Development Phase, a budget was established with the client. Starting out, we provide basic floorplans to get an idea of how the new space will function. Once we have adjusted the allowances and all the products are selected, we can provide the final drawings and realistic 3D Model photos using our Softplan Drawing Software. During this time a fixed contract price is set as well as a realistic timeline for the project.

We began by taking the existing bathroom down to its original framing because of some mold growth on the ceiling that was caused by improper ventilation and a hidden water leak. A "can fan" was chosen, which looks like a regular recessed light but is also a bath fan! This allowed us to keep the ceiling looking clean and fresh while still providing proper ventilation. We installed a new recessed medicine cabinet, a counter height vanity, and a custom open bookcase for towel storage. The Homecrest cabinets feature 'SoftClose' drawers and doors to prevent slamming. We met the client at a local countertop showroom to select the perfect Dakota Mahogany stone countertop.



Everybody wants a beautiful shower! They really do. Lots of people ask us for beautiful showers, but we here at Vision Design know that function is very important too. Cody Byrd, the owner of the company says "We can make anything beautiful, but it's easier with a proper plan and good design." We want to make all our projects beautiful *and* safe.

Next in the bathroom remodel, we waterproofed the shower area with the Schluter Tile System- Kerdi Membrane. This insures that everything remains dry behind the tiles for years to come. We installed a Temp-Assure Delta Lahara faucet system. You can preset the water temperature of the shower to your liking and just cut it on and off each time! With a fixed head and a hand held sprayer on a slide bar, our clients will have plenty of options for water flow. We installed a beautiful tile design complete with a mosaic band and tile on the ceiling. Some of the safety features in the shower include a custom built-in shower seat, custom bypass shower doors, and a grab bar.

Installing a pocket door system allowed for more room instead of a bulky door. The new tile floor with a pinwheel pattern adds interest to the small, yet spacious area. The walls were painted 'Antiquarian Brown' with Sherwin Williams ProMar 400 satin finish for easy cleaning. New base molding and casings were stained 'Fruitwood' to match the home's existing interior. These finishing touches really made the space the perfect fit for our clients.

*"Having previously worked with Vision Design I knew going into my bathroom remodeling project that I was going to be dealing with professionals who valued my time, budget and ideas. Vision Design worked one-on-one with me to ensure that I was aware of the industry's new ideas, designs and options. I was assigned a project crew manager who was dedicated to ensuring my satisfaction. I no longer have just a bathroom. I have a master bathroom that I love to look at, spend time in, take pictures of and even show off. Thank you Vision Design!"*  
- Wilson Bath Renovation

