

Time to Transition

Here's how a custom contracting firm reimagined a builder-grade home in Fairfax County.

Text and Styling by Charlotte Safavi • Photos by Robert Radifera for Stylish Productions





THE LURE OF THEIR beloved neighborhood and comfort of their existing home proved too great for a professional husband and wife with two teens who were faced with either selling or updating the six-bedroom, 5,500-square-foot Lorton home they had owned since 2015.

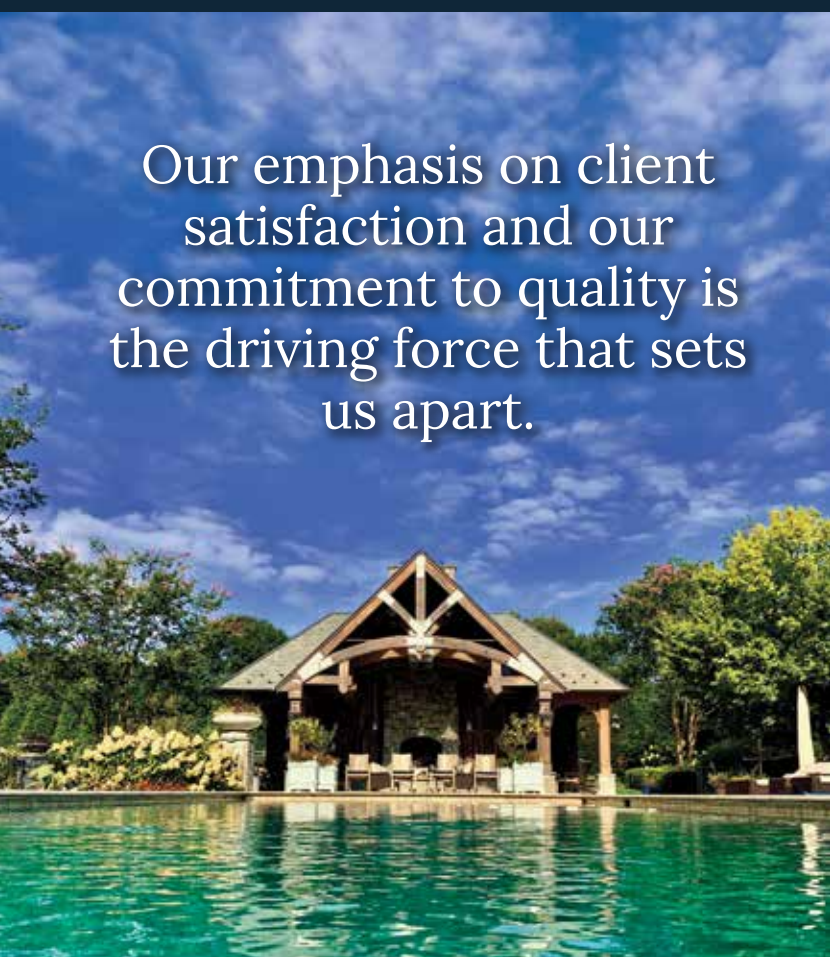
“I’m usually involved in projects where I’m knocking out walls and adding square footage, but here, I did none of that,” says custom contractor David Jorgenson of AshMeg, Inc., who was retained by the family in early 2022 to reimagine the house originally built as a builder spec home.

“We were aiming to revamp the whole house with a bright, open, transitional style that balanced our modern aesthetics with practicality,” says the wife, adding, “To create a home that not only catered to our busy family life, but also providing an inviting atmosphere for entertaining guests.”

When Jorgenson first walked through the house, he appreciated its open floor plan and good

The new fireplace serves as a focal point in the family room. The sofa and armchairs are from Arhaus, and the table is by Restoration Hardware.

Inground Pool Design, Build, Renovation, Service, and More!



Our emphasis on client satisfaction and our commitment to quality is the driving force that sets us apart.



TOWN & COUNTRY
POOLS, INC

DESIGN BUILD MAINTENANCE REPAIR

703-451-6660



townandcountrypools.com | info@townandcountrypools.com

Home & Real Estate NEWSLETTER

Find interior design tips, trends, and product recommendations from local experts, fresh ideas and NoVA real estate news delivered right to your inbox.

NorthernVirginia
MAGAZINE



Visit northernvirginiamag.com/newsletter to subscribe today!



bones, but he knew how much more he could achieve by updating the old finishes, adding architectural features and details, and improving the overall flow.

“The house had 12-foot ceilings on the main level, but every opening was framed narrower than what was possible, so we made everything taller and wider,” he says.

The old standard windows that had mullions and transoms were replaced with larger double-hung windows featuring clean lines to bring in more light. Doors, 96 inches wide, including triple glass-paneled interior French doors that seal off the wife’s customized home office, replaced standard 80-inch doors. Jorgenson added backband moldings to all the window and door frames for custom detailing and visual expansion.

“I did absolutely everything I could to get rid of every single builder-grade aspect that dated the home,” Jorgenson says.

In the piano room, Jorgenson added square paneled wall molding, while the wife’s office received wall moldings with a harlequin pattern. The office, which features new built-in cabinetry and a custom-designed desk, is finished in a moody charcoal paint that highlights the details. The revamp included replacing the home’s 4-inch-wide dark-brown engineered wood flooring with a 6 ¼-inch-wide solid European white oak stained a light nutty-gray tone.

“We started at the front door (adding double doors instead of a single one to better accommodate

The powder room is an art deco-inspired gem with a Robern floating vanity. The fan sconces are by Visual Comfort set in Iris Brown black marble wall tile.

vie nguyen
REAL ESTATE

Northern Virginia & DC
Expert Realtor

703-409-3126
vnguyen@vienguyenred.com

SPECIALIZATIONS

- First time home buyers and sellers
- New and experienced investors
- Negotiating and winning in a seller’s market
- Fairfax, Vienna, and Arlington

“Vie is positively exceptional and helped us purchase the perfect home! She understood what we wanted in a home and identified the perfect opportunity that exceeded our expectations. Vie knows everything there is to know about the market, the area, and is also incredibly responsive. We felt like Vie created advantages for us in a VERY competitive market!”

-TESTIMONIAL FROM ARLINGTON BUYER

PEARSON SMITH REALTY

ABC
Kitchen & Bath

About Us:
Welcome to ABC Kitchen And Bath, where family tradition meets excellence. As a cherished family-owned business, quality is our top priority. Count on us to tailor solutions to your budget with finesse. Experience unmatched efficiency with industry-leading turnaround times. Your dream space awaits!

Revitalize Your Space:
Our skilled team will breathe new life into your kitchen and bathrooms, creating a space that’s as functional as it is beautiful.

Quality You Can Trust:
We take pride in our workmanship, using only the highest quality materials to ensure lasting durability and timeless style.

14220 Sullyfield Circle Unit D
Chantilly VA, 20151

Save \$1500
on Your Next Kitchen or Bathroom Remodel!

703-498-2121 • abckitchenandbath.com
info@abckitchenandbath.com



Schedule Your Free Fence Consultation Today!
(703)731-7035
 20% Discount for All Kinds of Fences!

All American Fences has more than 25 years' experience as a leading residential and commercial fence, deck, and hardscape contractor in Northern Virginia.

43787 Beaver Meadow Rd, Sterling, VA 20166
allamericanfencesinc.com



Christina Rice
 Pearson Smith Realty

Welcome to **Fairlawn Estates** in McLean, Virginia, a new luxury enclave of five uniquely designed custom homes bordering on parkland. Three home sites remain, ranging in size from 1/3 - 2/3 acre. Pricing begins at **\$3,195,000**. Please visit FairlawnEstates.com for more information. Construction management by J.D.A. Custom Homes, Inc.



Call: 703-826-5381 Office: 571-386-1075
 Email: christina@christinarice.com
christinarice.com



guests) to shift the overall mind-set,” says Jorgenson, who touched upon every space in the home, from a fully redone kitchen to an extensive new wine cellar in the redesigned basement.

The new transitional-style kitchen is contained within the same footprint of the old one, which had shorter, espresso-brown wood cabinets, a dated hood, and black granite counters.

“We did floor-to-ceiling shaker-style cabinets, with a baked white finish; quartz countertops and backsplash walls; and a brushed stainless hood, with polished stainless straps,” says Jorgenson.

The kitchen features a large walnut-based island for the family to gather around and gold-tone brass hardware. Dead space between the garage and kitchen became a built-in mudroom.

In the foyer hall, Jorgenson added a coffered ceiling to bring coziness to the 22-foot double-

A Restoration Hardware Halo chandelier hangs above a round hide rug from Perigold in the piano room.



The office features a custom desk and wall paneling by AshMeg Construction.

height space, as well as a chandelier lift to enable easier cleaning of the new chandelier at the push of a button. The redesigned staircase features a rail with a metallic motif.

“The grand rounded staircase has an art deco railing, whose design we repeated in a custom marble floor tile for the powder room,” says interior designer Sandy Bonner, of how that space became another gem in the home. Bonner helped the homeowners select lighting, finishes, and furnishings.

The style of the home is clean, contemporary, and transitional with a touch of glamour. Bonner curated what the homeowners already owned and layered in new elements. Lighting became the jewelry adorning each room.

“We wanted our clients to walk into the house from their busy days and simply exhale. Nothing visually startling was used. The palette is mostly neutrals, with the unifying color being an icy silver,” she says.

DecksCapes
 of Virginia, LLC

The Journey to Your Outdoor Living Space Begins Here! Call Today!



Custom Decks • Hardscapes • Custom Pools • Lighting • Custom Porches • Fire Features • Landscaping • Outdoor Kitchens



5003 Sudley Road Catharpin, VA 20143
deckscapecsva.com | (703)365-0747





The custom wine cellar by AshMeg Construction is a showcase in the home.



The foyer is finished in Benjamin Moore's Decorator's White, highlighting the beautiful art deco-inspired staircase railing.



Understated Luxury,
Uncompromising
Quality
*Your Dream Home
Awaits*

MW DESIGN GROUP info@mwdesigninc.com
DECORATING DEN INTERIORS® 703-361-2913

www.mimiwilson.decoratingden.com

Your Trusted Oriental and Area Rug Care Experts

As professional Oriental and area rug care providers in the Washington, D.C. area, we offer a range of top-notch services to ensure your treasured rugs are in the best possible condition.

- Antique rug restoration
- Expert repairs
- Rug resizing
- Silk rug cleaning
- Stain removal

**FREE
PICK-UP &
DELIVERY**



Ensure your flooring stays beautiful with our tailored Oriental and area rug care services.

Call us today at 202-866-0999
lexiclean.com

