

innovation in construction

Each year, the entries in the Innovations in Construction awards are of a higher standard. The types of projects submitted vary but the quality of work suggests the talent of the participants is greater.

This year we received submissions from many repeat par-

ticipants, but also, about half of the projects are from first time participants. This suggests that many of you are proud of the quality of your work, and that you realize the value of being able to say your company was honored with an Innovation in Construction award.

Best Kitchen Under \$40,000 + Design

Kitchen Magic, Inc.
Phillipsburg, NJ

The homeowners wanted a larger kitchen and more natural light to accommodate their lifestyle. The solution was to take down two walls, and reconfigure the floor plan. The kitchen was moved down the hall to where the living room was previously located.

The kitchen/dining room area now includes all new custom built cabinets in maple, an inviting new island and countertops in Tumbleweed from the 2007 nature inspired Corian® Private Collection series. This is now where the family spends all of its time, so figuratively speaking, it is still the family's living room.

To move the plumbing to the opposite side of the house, a reduced size soffit was created and run down the hallway. Both sides of the hall were designed with the same soffit, which is creatively hidden with columns running along the hall.



Before photos are not shown since they would only be of a room that no longer exists.



The island is constructed in a contrasting color and material, which is a trend continuing on the upswing. The complexity of colors, materials and textures provides contrast but also offers a palette of warm tones and rich styling.

Sleek, sophisticated stainless appliances produce an upscale effect but still have a homey feel. Just enough shine from the appliances and the red glass backsplash plus the wood floors make a high fashion statement, but will stand the test of time.

The total for this job came in \$38,950 -- which includes custom baskets in the island, drawer organizers, and false fronts for the dishwasher drawers. The result is a livable area that is affordable!