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Get Organized!

An organized mudroom won't wake everyone up on time, but it may help streamline crazy days and busy fall schedules.



BEFORE

Garage space was used to create a mudroom next to the kitchen. Like most homes built in 1965, this home didn't originally contain a mudroom.

As a transition space between the inside of a home and the outdoors, a mudroom is a welcome asset to a home. Not only does it serve as a spot to leave muddy shoes and wet coats, but it is often combined with a laundry room and can be used keep the family organized and on schedule.

Some garage space was used to create the mudroom/laundry room above. It contains custom-built lockers, a message center and a secondary refrigerator surrounded by plenty of cabinet and countertop space. A sliding door with opaque panels (right) separates the kitchen and mudroom.

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Timeless and Traditional

Traditional mudroom storage includes a bench for putting on/taking off shoes, hooks for hanging coats and bags, baskets for hats, mittens and accessories and cabinets with doors that close.



Hide the Clutter

Many homeowners prefer to hide rather than display coats, shoes, etc. This mudroom in Excelsior, leading into the home from the garage, features sleek floor-to-ceiling custom storage.

Organization Stations

Many mudrooms include another popular feature: an “organization station.” An organization station/message center is the ideal place to drop keys, charge electronics, keep family calendars and school directories, file coupons, take-out menus, bills and more!



Maximize Your Entryway

If you don't have room for a separate mudroom but would still like a designated spot for shoes, coats and accessories, then a more simplified built-in inside the entryway is a great solution.

Unique Features

No more tripping on your family's shoes! This custom cabinet features a “shoe garage” on the bottom with a lifting door to hide shoes and keep the area neat.



Keep it Cute and Colorful

Encourage your kids to actually hang their coats and backpacks by providing easily accessible cubbies, hooks and shelves. Allocate a cubbie for each member of the family. It doesn't hurt to use bright and colorful bins to get their attention.

Photos by Brandon Rowell

“Five Decades of Dedication”

Craig Plekkenpol | *Spaces Magazine*

As Plekkenpol Builders approaches its 50th Anniversary next year, Craig Plekkenpol discusses “Five Decades of Dedication” in *Spaces Magazine* – the company’s history, what has changed and what distinguishes Plekkenpol Builders from other remodeling companies. An excerpt from the interview is below:



Q: How has the industry changed in the more than 50 years in business?

Over the years, the industry has become more professional, better organized and highly regulated. Licensing is enforced and builders are held to higher standards.

Engineered products have largely replaced traditional dimensional lumber framing and exterior finishes helping to conserve our precious natural resources. Buildings are lighter, stronger, safer and require less manual labor to assemble.

Technology has come a long way. Plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems have evolved to a sophisticated state that ensures the comfort, safety and convenience of homeowners. Energy efficiency far surpasses the homes of the past.

Consumers are more knowledgeable than ever, too. Inspiration and resources are everywhere, from HGTV to the internet to Pinterest and Houzz.

Q: What trends are your clients requesting the most these days?

Many of these are newer trends. Others have been incorporated for some time but are still in demand:

- Composite kitchen sinks and no-touch faucets

- Showers with zero-curbs and other aging-in-place features
- More thoughtful cabinet design especially for interior amenities including electric receptacles, docking stations, briefcase storage, compost receptacles and more
- LED lighting to replace existing halogen and incandescent lighting
- Seamless surfaces such as glass backsplashes, slab cabinet doors and panelized shower solutions in lieu of tile
- More high-tech appliances including steam ovens, smart ovens, beverage centers and refrigerators with numerous electronic features, etc.

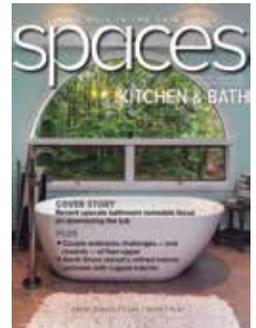
Q: Your company’s motto is “The Difference is in the Details.” How is that manifested in your work?

We emphasize quality, craftsmanship and top-notch customer service. We have the most professional crews in the industry. They’re respectful of your property and clean up every day. One of our dump trucks, “Big Red,” will pick up debris so there’s no dumpster sitting in your driveway.

Our client list is filled with repeat customers and referrals, some of whom date back 50 years.



Craig Plekkenpol



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NKBA Award Winner | *Small Baths*



We are pleased to announce our win at the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) Minnesota Chapter Awards Gala on September 17, 2019!

Congratulations to **Project Manager Erik Mahin** and **Designer David Schnacky** for their work on a beautiful and functional small bath. The judges were impressed with their smart use of a smaller space.

The NKBA’s annual competition offers an exclusive platform for designers, builders and remodelers to showcase their expertise in kitchen and bath design and benefit from nationwide industry and media recognition. Plekkenpol Builders is honored to have received this prestigious award.



NKBA Design Award

Thank You for Another Successful Remodelers Showcase®!

We would like to thank all of our visitors for making the 2019 Fall Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase one of our most successful yet! We enjoyed meeting all of you while touring our whole house remodel #R31 in Edina.

This beautiful project included a master bath, powder room, new kitchen, open main level, refreshed porch, refurbished fireplace and laundry/mudroom with repurposed cabinetry.

To see photos of this and previous Showcase homes, visit plekkenpol.com/gallery/showcase.

We’ll see you at the Spring Showcase!



Master Suite – Showcase Home #R31

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Do-it-Yourself Fall Chore Checklist

By setting aside a few weekend days now to prepare for the cold weather ahead, you'll save yourself a lot of hassle later.

Maintain your gutters

Remove all debris from your gutters and downspouts. This minimizes standing water and slows the freeze/thaw expansion process that may result in ice dams.

Shut off exterior water

Shut off the exterior water; drain garden hoses and winterize your sprinkler system by the end of October. Locate your home's water main in case the plumbing freezes and water needs to be shut off.

Seal the gaps

Check weather stripping and caulking around windows and doors.

Maintain your heating systems

Service/clean your furnace, fireplace, boiler, water heater and chimney. Change furnace filter every three months.

Change batteries

Change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.

Switch thermostat

Switch to a programmable thermostat to save money and energy this winter.

Review emergency plan

Review your emergency escape plan with your family in the event of a fire.

Clean and vacuum dust

Clean and vacuum dust from vents, baseboard heaters and cold-air returns. Dust build-up in ducts is a major cause of indoor pollutants and can increase incidences of cold-weather illnesses.

Check dryer for lint

Pull forward your clothes dryer and check the duct/vent for lint.

Maintain lawn mower

Drain gas from the lawn mower and store summer tools. www.nahb.org

