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Molli's Memo

I apologize for you seeing me at what some might think is my worst, but I just couldn't help myself.

I was distraught (is that a word an 18 month old should know?) when my Iowa State Cyclones lost in the first round of the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament.

Now that Iowa Sate is out, I'll have to root for Papa's Arizona Wildcats.

Molli Bryn, Nana's first granddaughter

Musings for the Month

We'll Have A New Neighbor Soon

Soon, we will have a new neighbor next to our showroom. The Tucson Children's Museum is creating a satellite location right next door to our showroom, with support of tax dollars from the Town of Oro Valley.

I'll let you decide if this is the best use of your tax dollars.

We think they will be open sometime in April, maybe May.

This might be a great place to bring your children or grandchildren when they visit. They will have many interactive educational exhibits, a reading area and other fun things for the kids.

Many New Residential Home Lots Being Developed

I continued to be amazed at the number of new home lots being developed in the Oro Valley and Marana areas.

My husband tracks the new residential developments in the area closely. By his estimates, there are close to 3,000 residential lots in various stages of development in and around the Oro Valley and Marana areas.

While this is positive for our future business, I wonder where all the people will come from to buy these houses.

Pima County Bond Proposal

A Pima County bond committee recently recommended a \$653.3 million list of projects to borrow for. Total costs, including interest and operating costs could be \$1.5 billion.

The #1 need according to Pima County residents is improved roads. I TOTALLY agree with this.

How many dollars for roads are included in this \$1.5 billion? ZERO is the answer. Do we really need a bicycle velodrome more than better roads?

Until Next Month,



What Our Clients Are Saying

We are more than delighted with our home and enjoy the luxurious features that are found in just about every room in the house. Moreover, you were irreplaceable when we requested help in a few additions and replacements we wanted in order to suit our lifestyle. You have a natural talent for knowing your customers and coming up with suggestions that are perfectly suited to their tastes and personalities.

Pat & Bryan Saterllee, Stone Canyon — Oro Valley

From Dated to Darling

From Northern Minnesota to Southern AZ

Kathy contacted us about replacing the kitchen in her Tucson retreat from the brutal northern Minnesota winters...the original kitchen from 1985.

Who Do I Go To?

Since Kathy didn't know any contractors/suppliers in Tucson, she wanted to connect with someone reliable that could help her through the entire kitchen remodel process. She came to the right place and our designer Bryana did a wonderful job with helping Kathy.



Long-Distance Start

Much of our communication with Kathy, especially early on, was via phone and email.

We arranged with Kathy, through a trusted friend of hers, to access her kitchen for measurements and pictures, so we could discuss with Kathy her vision.

Our ability to view Kathy's kitchen space, even without her present, provided us the opportunity to "feel" the space as Kathy would soon.



Kitchen Before

Notice how YELLOW

Everything looks? Due to the

dated fluorescent lighting used.

Digital Renderings

The 3-D digital renderings from Kathy's professional interior designer, Bryana, enabled Kathy to "see" her new kitchen far before demo even started.

This "vision" of the final result which the 3-D digital renderings provided helped Kathy know that her kitchen transformation would be exactly what she envisioned.

Providing such 3-D digital renderings is a now a standard part of our Kitchen or Bath Remodeling process.

It was a great experience working with Interior Expressions and the reliable and competent subs they work with.

It was a relief to have someone else handle all the details, since I didn't know where to go in Tucson.

I had never worked with an interior designer before, so I was happy to see my designer was open to my ideas, and didn't shove her ideas on me.

It surprised me how fast everything went in. I'm thrilled with my new kitchen.

Kathy Meyer, Tucson & Northern Minnesota





Extra deep cabinets above the refrigerator were designed to provide much needed storage for large pots and pans.

A Cozy Townhome Kitchen Makeover

Kitchen AFTER **Added Much** Needed Microwave Radius cabinet hardware selected compliments radius handles on the major appliances, providing a cohesive look and feel. The added drawers in the lower cabinets provide more convenient storage.

Backsplash Ties It All Together



Since everything else in the kitchen was monochromatic, Bry brought it all together with a colorful slate backsplash that tied together the terra cotta color of the floor with the greys of the appliances, hardware, plumbing and counters.

Fine Details

Bry **staggered the height of the cabinets** on both sides of the kitchen to provide a customized, upscale look with minimal additional investment. The **crown moulding** provided height and a personalized look.

The **new stainless steel pendant light** above the sink provides more adequate task lighting. A **new Hunter Douglas Honeycomb shade** provides privacy, while still allowing light to filter through.

Angled corner cabinets provide added storage. Textured antiqued glass ties in the kitchen design with the home's overall feel.

New **above cabinet lighting** and **under cabinet lighting** makes the room brighter and feel larger.

Silestone quartz counters in a monochromatic grey color compliment the appliance, hardware and plumbing selections. A **mitered edge** on the counter hides the seam.





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