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Molli's Memo

Mommy wanted me to smile for this picture before we headed to church, but I was in no mood. I told Mommy *“no smile because no pictures please”*. Is that OK to say before going to church?

I'll pray that my new baby sister coming next week is healthy and everything is OK for Mommy.

Molli Bryn,
Nana's first granddaughter

Interesting Political Times

Whether you lean Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Green Party or any other political leaning, there is no doubt that the current presidential election cycle makes for interesting political times.

As of this writing, I just watched with my husband the first presidential debate. We both found it quite interesting.

One of the things that strikes me most about the current national political climate is how divided we seem to be. It seems to me that much of this division is due to polarization by the labels we place on each other.

If you label yourself or others as an (R) you *have* to think only one way on every issue. And likewise, if you or others label yourself as a (D), you *must* think in a totally opposite way from *all* R's.

What happened to one of the fundamentals of our country exhibited by our founding fathers...civil debate and compromise for the better good of our country? We would have no Constitution today if there were no compromises then.

The “debate” today seems all too un-civil, from both sides. Why can't we calmly and respectfully discuss our different ideas and let the voters make their decision on which argument makes the most sense.

This is what Lincoln and Douglas did regarding the slavery debate during the presidential election of 1862. Lincoln's argument's prevailed and eventually slavery was abolished

Whether you or others label you an (R), (D), (L), (I), (G) or whatever, I encourage you to become FULLY informed, not just listening to the talking points, and cast your educated VOTE in the November election.

Until Next Month,

Betty Jones



Thank You for Your Referrals

Karen Karnofski referred Carol & Gary Wright
Suzie & Harold Teague referred Betty & Mark Rohde
Joan & Vern Boothby referred Connie & Pat Arruda

Referrals are the lifeblood of our business. Thank you for these and all your referrals

Help us fixup our new “free to travel home”

That is what Diane and John Smith, who were referred to us by Suz and Gary Mahler (**Thank You**), wanted us to do.

No problem, usually. Only in this case we had no access to the new house until closing. Let me get this straight, you want us to design all these changes/additions for a space we can't see for a few months, other than the realtor's pictures and a dated builder floor plan? **OK, let's get started.**



Before

Kitchen/Dining Area

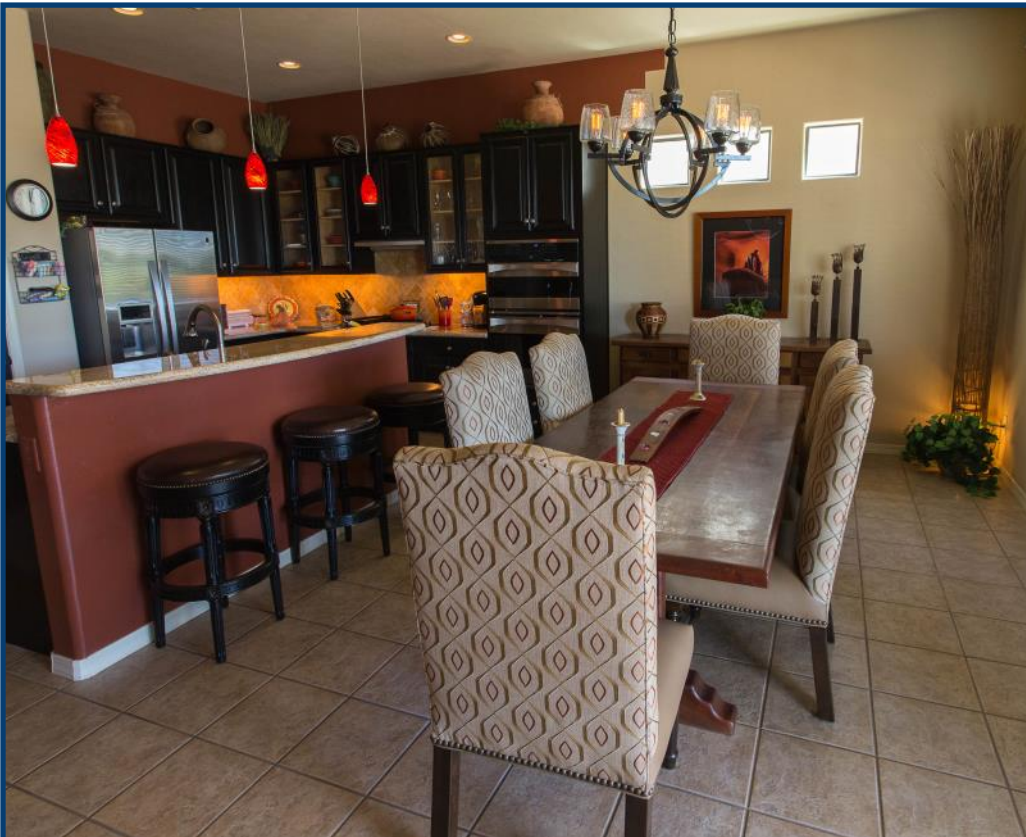
Added three red pendants over the breakfast bar / sink area, and new stainless steel sink.

We coordinated the new sink counter with the existing breakfast bar counter.

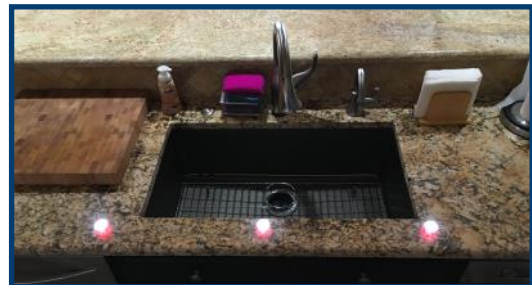
The “twig” chandelier was replaced with a more fitting design.

We reused their ironwood table and replaced the uncomfortable wood dining chairs with our Comfort-Fit™ faux leather upholstered dining chairs. The fabric selected picked up the colors from the existing walls and tile.

These Comfort-Fit™ chairs have springs in the seat to make the Smith's guests very comfortable during their frequent 3-hour dinner experiences.



Wow!! the dining chairs are just awesome.....you got me just what I requested...very, very comfortable dining chairs. The springs in the seats are great! The new dining room chandelier is great too...Great choices! Diane & John Smith



A composite granite, single basin, under-mount sink was selected, along with brushed nickel plumbing fixtures; all to complement their new granite countertop.



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Shot Glass Display

Wine Cooler

All after photos by John Smith

Family Room Makeover

Many subtle changes were made the Smith's family room and front entry to make the space more cohesive and accommodate the Smith's entertaining.

First we designed and made a custom bar cabinet which shows-off their extensive stemware and provides ample storage below. *"The bar cabinet is one of our most favorite things about the makeover"*, said Diane Smith. John Smith added LED lighting under the upper cabinet to provide not only workspace light, but to highlight their stemware.

We added a new area rug to anchor the room. This rug gave us the colors to build off of for new and repurposed furniture. We recovered a set of shell backed swivel chairs in tight back swivels with a geometric Southwest print to give them a new lease on life (see lower left hand chair in after image above).

The arm chair in the middle of picture above was reupholstered with a stripe fabric and leather insert mimicking fabric at the state museum in New Mexico. We created a matching ottoman.

To accommodate the Smith's request for a wine cabinet in a very limited space, we did what we always do...come up with a unique alternative. Kind of hard to see in the photo above, but highlighted in the hallway to the back bedrooms/office is a wine cabinet (recessed into an adjacent closet). We also created a place for Mr. Smith to display his shot glass collection above the wine cooler.

A finishing touch was the stand we had made for their mascot giraffe "BJ", named in my honor (far left above). They always had trouble keeping "BJ" upright. Now "BJ" has a secure base and is much less likely to be toppled and become damaged. I feel honored to have a *place* forever in the Smith's "free to travel home".



Before



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AS SEEN ON or IN



Arizona Daily Star

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



Master Bath Before



Master Bath Before



Master Bath Remake

In the master bath we removed the unneeded tub (as we often do in homes today) and expanded and upgraded the shower.

The Smith's wanted his and hers shower areas, which we accomplished by expanding and angling the outer shower walls.

A teak fold-down stool improved the functionality within the shower.

You can't see in these photos, but there are niches in each of the outer pony walls for soap and shampoos, improving user friendliness.

Regarding the sink area of the master bath, our original plan was to just replace the counter. But once we removed the old cultured marble top and saw the typical builder grade cabinets, we changed out the cabinets, which also allowed us to add a dirty laundry pull-out in the middle.

New sconce lights as well as additional can lights offer more user friendly lights. All these lights are dimmable of course.

