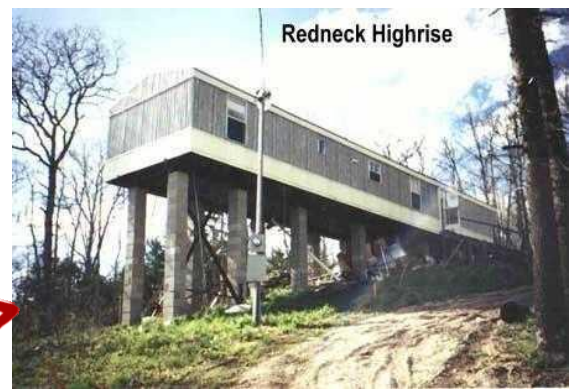




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What Our Clients Are Saying

Innovative & Great Ideas

Many **innovative ideas**. The materials and colors you recommended blend beautifully with our furnishings. You have **great ideas** and we recommend you to anyone wanting to decorate a new or existing home.

Richard Denton, retired – SaddleBrooke

My Husband Was Surprised

I was concerned whether they could work within my budget. It came out very well. My husband was surprised at all I got for the price.

Joanne Wickberg - Sun City Vistoso, Oro Valley

Thank You to **Emma Lou & Ron Van Atta** for referring **Jane and Jerry Wilson**.

Referrals are the life-blood of our business. We couldn't have grown for all these years without the generous referrals from our wonderful clients.



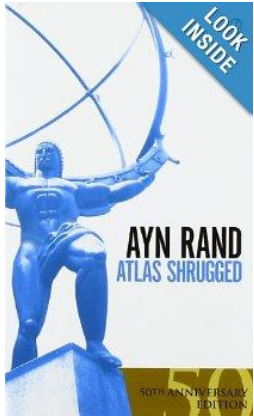
You Know You're A Contractor if...

1. Your dog rides in your truck more than your wife.
2. You have ever had to wash off in the backyard with a garden hose before your wife would let you in the house.
3. You can remember the square footage, pounds of nails required, crew labor rates and permit delays on a house you built 10 years ago, but cannot recall your wife's birthday.
4. You've used the same knife to exterminate vermin and peel apples.

Musings for the month...

1,168 Pages!...When will I have the time to read that?

That's what I said when my husband suggested I read *Atlas Shrugged* the fictional novel by Ayn Rand. I'm only 60% through it so far on my Kindle, but I'm already amazed that this Russian immigrant lady could foresee in 1957 so much of what has been happening with our government and society over the past 20 – 30 years.



Change a few names and circumstances and so much of what happens in *Atlas Shrugged* is or has been happening in the United States.

I know there are different views on many of today's issues, and I certainly respect everyone's right to their own opinion. Yet, I always select the side that favors personal freedom over government control.

If you haven't yet read *Atlas Shrugged*, I highly recommend it. FYI – Part III of the movie based on this book is scheduled for release next year. The movies aren't as good as the book (are they ever), but worth watching anyway.



Michigan Left Turn coming to Tucson

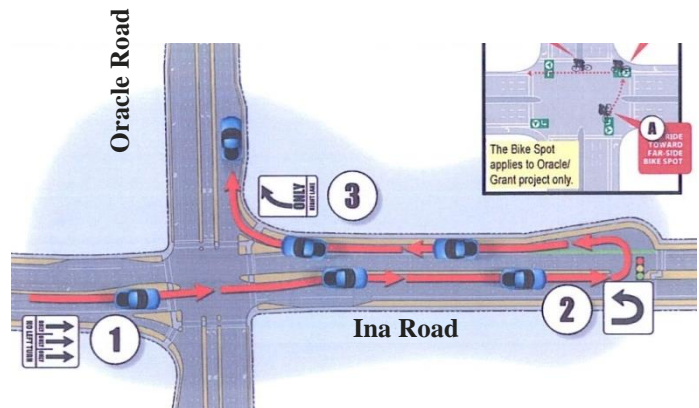
If you've driven through the intersections of Ina & Oracle or Grant & Oracle, you've undoubtedly noticed and/or been inconvenienced by the construction.

What you may not know, both those intersection construction projects revolve around installing the first "Michigan Left Turns" in Tucson. The traffic engineers label these turns as "Indirect Left Turn" or "Express Left Turn".

They are known by the driving public as "Michigan Left Turn" because they were first introduced in Michigan and still used almost exclusively in Michigan. They may be used elsewhere, but no one I know has ever experienced such a left turn anywhere else. Have you?

I'm not disparaging anyone from Michigan; we have lots of wonderful clients from Michigan. However, if it is such a great traffic control method, why isn't it used everywhere?

So what is this "Michigan Left Turn"? If you are travelling East on Ina Road, you will not be able turn North onto Oracle Road, like you can today. Ditto if you are driving West on Ina and want to go South. Instead, you'll need to drive through Oracle Road, to a new signal about a block or so East or West of Oracle Rd., make a U-Turn, go back to Oracle Rd. and then turn right to go North or South. You can check out an animation of how it works at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=187DUi7YaXw> Let me know what you think.



They recently activated this at the Grant & Oracle intersection, and from what I've heard, there have already been several accidents because of people confused by how it all works. With all the seasonal residents and winter tourists we have, how will they handle these intersections?

Just be careful and cautious at these intersections.

Thank You for your business and referrals – Until next month,

Betty

Bachelor Pad Makeover

Ever lived in a home that you didn't like how it looked or felt? Many can relate to that, right.

That is where Mark Porter was with his home. Mark liked the overall layout, but he wanted something with cleaner, more sophisticated lines – not too contemporary, but not traditional either.

Mark had been driving by our showroom for many months – twice a day, to and from his job at Ventana Medical. He finally took action.

But, he didn't call or come in. First he checked out our website, liked what he saw and read, and then called for an appointment.

HGTV & DIY-TV Nut

When I first met Mark, he asked if I knew of *Mike Holmes* from DIY-TV. I replied, "I certainly do, his show is one of my favorites, but I'm even better."

That took Mark a bit by surprise, but he certainly knew he was going to get what he wanted. I also knew that Mark would appreciate the high quality standards and attention to detail we have.

How to Stretch a Budget

As you can see from the Scope of Work, Mark wanted a lot done, with a tight budget.

One of the ways we helped him stretch his budget was to re-face the kitchen cabinets vs. tear-out and replace with new. If you're not changing the footprint of the cabinets, that is a great money and time saver.



Kitchen Before



Kitchen After – Refaced Cabinets, New Counters, etc.

Artwork

We helped select several new pieces of artwork, of varying kinds, to compliment the new furnishings and coordinate with the new color scheme throughout the home.



Master Bedroom – Personalized Headboard & Bedding



All New Guest Bath

Scope of Work

Mark had quite a wish list, covering every room of the house except the den and the guest bedrooms.

Kitchen

Reface Cabinets
New Appliances
New Plumbing Fixtures
Enlarge the Island
New Quartz Counters
New Pantry

Great Room

New Furniture
Rugs—Lamps— Access.

Living / Dining Room

New Furniture
New Lighting
New Blinds & Drapes

Guest Bath

New Vanity Cabinet
New Quartz Counter
New Lighting
New Tub, Toilet, Sink
New Shower Tile
Repaint

Master Bedroom

Headboard & Mattress
Personalized Bedding
Lamps
New tables & chair
New Closet system

Master Bath

New Tub & Tile
New Cabinets
New Quartz Counters
New Shower & Tile
Mirrors & Lighting

Outdoors

Redesign entire back yard area, with new kiva fireplace

General

Paint in rooms updated
Artwork
Flooring Throughout
Audio Sound System



Updated Great Room



Updated Living Room



“You’re a cross between Candice Olson and Mike Holmes.”
(HGTV & DIY Network Stars)

Mark Porter, Tucson



New Master Bath & Shower