



## **DID YOU KNOW? – August 2010**

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In previous newsletters, we discussed personalizing your cabinets, kitchen lighting, choosing countertops, and cabinet finish options. This month, we share ideas to enhance your kitchen remodeling project with cabinet details and backsplashes. The addition of different types of molding and backsplashes make a dramatic difference without a dramatic investment. Remember to visit our Facebook page for additional project updates, remodeling tips, design trends, and links to valuable home improvement information.

As always, let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Rob Davis & Curt Wible

### **Cabinet Enhancements**

A well designed layout is critical to ensure a functional kitchen that meets your family's needs. Incorporating various cabinet enhancements can help you achieve the desired look and personality in this room. A few of the most common cabinet additions include:



**Crown Molding** is applied on top of wall cabinets, creating a more finished look. This molding makes cabinets look more furniture-like and provide a graceful transition from cabinets to the ceiling or open soffit area. Crown molding comes in a variety of designs, ranging from simple to very detailed profiles, like the picture on the left. Crown molding can also be used to maintain a consistent design theme with adjoining spaces.

**Under cabinet Molding** provides a nice, decorative touch on the bottom of wall cabinets. This type of molding is also used to hide under-cabinet lighting from sight. Similar to crown molding, there are a variety of different molding shapes/profiles/finishes to choose from.



**Corbels** can be used throughout the kitchen to create unique architectural details in your kitchen. Corbels are often found in the design of ventilation hoods, shelving, and to support countertops or bar tops. Once again, corbels are available in numerous shapes, sizes, designs, and finishes.



**Legs and Feet** give cabinets a furniture look. **Fluted fillers**, pilasters, and posts are additional ways to use small touches and make big design statements.

## **Backsplash Options**



Historically, walls behind counters were finished with paint or wallpaper. Unfortunately, these low cost options are not durable and stain easily. Backsplashes not only remedy this practical issue, but make the kitchen easier to clean, provide an area for creativity, and pull together the various design elements in a room. While more expensive than paint or

wallpaper, there are a number of materials to consider for a backsplash.

The most popular backsplash choice is tile. Tile comes in countless colors, patterns, sizes, and shapes. Mosaic tiles can be used to create a very distinct backsplash, while protecting your wall and easing clean-up. Recently, glass tile is becoming more popular. Glass tile can be used over paint or wallpaper to maintain the look, while protecting the finish. Tiles are easy to install and are heat/stain resistant. It is important to seal the tile to protect the grout from staining and discoloration.

Beadboard is being used not only in country designs, but in today's clean, modern kitchens. Dark countertops and stainless steel appliances provide a wonderful contrast to white cabinets and beadboard backsplash. Chalkboard paint is another backsplash option. A chalkboard backsplash provides a very functional space for family messages and is easily cleaned with a damp cloth. Finally, tin tiles, magnetic whiteboards, mirror tiles, and stainless steel are more unique materials available for use in backsplashes.



## **Wood-Mode/Brookhaven Cabinet Savings**

Wood-Mode and Brookhaven cabinets are once again offering a Pick a Premium Promotion. This offer allows you to choose from three different promotions ... 50% savings on door/drawer head premiums, or wood species premiums, or finish premiums. This is a great opportunity to get the desired look in your kitchen or bath remodeling project and help the budget.

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