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National Association of the Remodeling Industry hosts annual event

Saturday, August 29, 10 AM- 5 PM

Sunday, August 30, Noon-5 PM

NARI invites local communities to the 2026 Tour of Remodeled Homes - a driving tour of recently remodeled homes. Meet some of the most respected remodelers in Central Ohio while visiting their projects. Tickets are \$20 for the two-day full tour pass; or \$5 for a single site. NARI is a not-for-profit association dedicated to the remodeling industry. For more information, please visit trustnari.org or call the NARI office at 614-895-3080.

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Designing for Tomorrow:

Remodeling with the Future in Mind

By Courtney M. Maher

When homeowners begin planning a remodel, the focus is often on what will make their home more beautiful and functional today. But thoughtful remodeling offers another opportunity: creating a home that will continue to work well for years to come.

Most adults hope to remain in their homes as they age. Planning for that possibility doesn't mean designing a home that feels clinical or preparing for limitations. It means making smart decisions now that provide greater flexibility, comfort, and independence later.

Small Details Can Make a Big Difference

Before entering the remodeling industry, I spent years in medical device sales working alongside healthcare professionals treating progressive disease states. That experience gave me a unique perspective on how strength, balance, mobility, and coordination can change—and how the design of our homes can either support or hinder us.

One client who shaped my approach to design was a gentleman living with mid-stage Parkinson's disease. His priority was simple: he wanted to maintain his independence

and dignity for as long as possible.

Instead of making his bathroom look institutional, we incorporated thoughtful features into a beautiful design. A floating shower bench allowed space for his feet to naturally move beneath him when standing, while a heated bench and combination of fixed and handheld shower heads helped maintain comfort. Strategically placed glass provided privacy while allowing his wife to recognize quickly if he needed assistance.

None of these features screamed "accessibility." They simply made the bathroom work better.

Designing for Life, Not Just Aging

Future-focused design isn't only for older adults. A knee or hip replacement, sports injury, surgery, pregnancy, or caring for a family member can temporarily change how anyone moves through a home.

Features such as zero-entry showers, wider doorways, generous circulation space, pull-out kitchen storage, improved lighting, secure handrails, and first-floor primary suites can make everyday living easier now while providing valuable flexibility later.

At **J.S. Brown & Co.**, thoughtful planning means asking questions that go beyond finishes and floor plans:

- ***Will this space still work after a knee replacement?***
- ***Could someone comfortably navigate it with limited mobility?***
- ***Will this home continue supporting the people who live here 10, 20, or even 30 years from now?***

The goal isn't to plan for limitations. **It's to protect possibilities.**

A successful remodel should do more than transform how a home looks today. It should improve how people live in it for years to come.

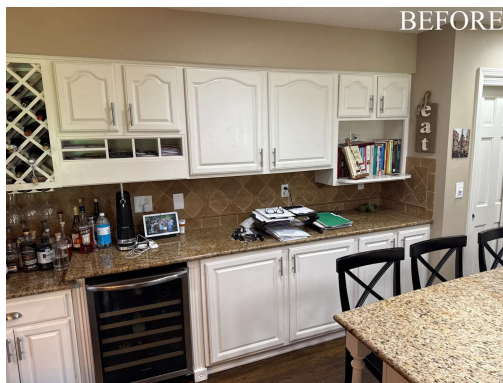
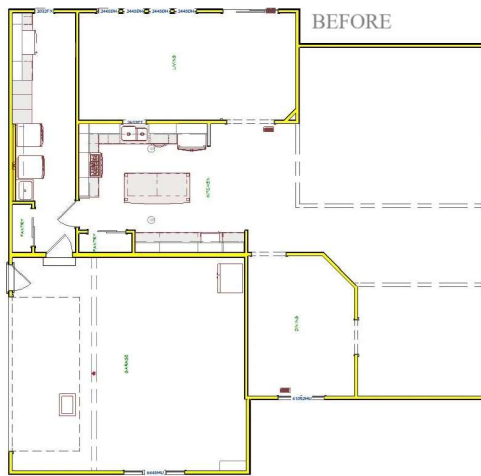
Remodel right the first time. Plan for the future. Create a home that grows with you.

Beautiful homes impress people. Thoughtfully designed homes change lives.

From Tight to Tailored:

A Galena Kitchen Transformed for Entertaining

For this Galena couple, a cramped layout, limited storage, dated cabinetry and a lack of dining space made the kitchen less than ideal for everyday living and entertaining. They made the bold decision to sacrifice some garage space to create the kitchen they had been dreaming of—and the transformation was well worth it.



The new kitchen combines style and smart functionality, featuring a 36-inch range, double ovens, a second sink and panel-ready appliances that blend seamlessly with the cabinetry. Integrated lighting highlights shelves and glass cabinets, while discreet Prado outlets are tucked into the full-height Niaca quartzite backsplash. Roll-out shelves, a paper towel drawer, spice pull-out and in-drawer charging outlets keep everyday essentials organized and within easy reach.



At the heart of the space, a double-island design creates separate zones for cleanup and seating, making the kitchen both practical and inviting. The adjacent dining area provides ample room for family meals and entertaining friends. By giving up a little garage space, the homeowners gained a kitchen designed around how they truly live—with plenty of room to cook, gather and enjoy.





Courtesy of Country Living

Charred Corn Salad

This is an easy side dish to add to your tailgating table.

Simply heat your grill to medium, and add 6 shucked ears of corn. Turn them occasionally until charred (about 10-12 minutes). Let cool, then cut the corn off of the cob.

Toss the following together in a bowl:

- ½ small onion (finely chopped)
- 1 red chili (seeded & chopped)
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the corn to the mixtures. Then add ¾ cup of fresh chopped cilantro and 4 oz. crumbled queso fresco (about 1 cup). This recipe

yields 8 servings of a bright and tasty salad.

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