



Designed to fit Right in

When Debra and Ross Nash wanted some extra features in their SouthPark home, they started house hunting. After searching, they soon found nothing comparable to their present home and didn't want to give up their short work commute. They also found that they really did love their current home. That's when they decided on remodeling.

Their first idea was to just add a simple screened porch. Then, the project began to grow until ultimately, the Nash's bumped out their kitchen, completely renovated it, and added a new deck.

The kitchen expansion created a better flow from the indoors to the outdoors. It also allowed Nash to dream big when it came to a new kitchen—with a whole new wall for added kitchen amenities.

"Initially we met with another contractor in town and they showed very little interest in our project, let alone many ideas," says Debra Nash. Stalled, they worked with their architect until one day they came across an article and a photo that caught Debra's attention. It was an article about Advanced Renovations and a recent home remodel—much like the one they wanted to do. It wasn't long before they chose them as their general contractor.

Early on, David Dubé with Advanced Renovations found that the Nash's old deck that was original to the house had no footings—it was literally resting on dirt. In redoing the deck, the Nash's chose a decking product called Ipé, a tropical hard-

wood that is naturally resistant to insects and decay. The decking was installed using a "blind fastener" method so that no nails or screws are visible on the surface. "We couldn't just put a Weber on this great deck, so we also did a full-on outdoor kitchen. Now we have great flow from the inside kitchen to the outdoors," quips Nash.

As the project progressed, the project fell during the Thanksgiving holiday. "Advanced Renovation's tile contractor was there on Thanksgiving morning working on the floor and making sure that I could at least get to the oven. That's service above and beyond."

"Still to this day, almost two years since the project's completion, I can call them if there's a problem and they come right out and fix it. It's something they don't have to do, but they gladly do it," says Nash.

The kitchen is truly a work of art, or as Nash calls it, the heart of her home. The beautiful and very functional Nash kitchen was on the Council for Children Kitchen Tour last year.

"Most people say the heart of a home is the kitchen—and now our home has a great beautiful heart. Our renovation was definitely worth the investment in time and investment in money." ♦

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