

Redefined Style

Makoski Construction and Remodeling

rank A. Makoski, CGR, CAPS, CGP, has been working with the Goldbergs on remodeling the many aspects of their home for more than 20 years. So when the Goldbergs decided to update their 1980s kitchen, Makoski Construction and Remodeling was a natural choice. The Goldbergs wanted to bring their kitchen up to today's building science technology standards, with amenities including a wine tasting area, a coffee center, a more user-friendly cooking area with a breakfast bar and better use of artificial functional lighting. "Frank is an excellent problem-solver," says homeowner Adrienne Goldberg. "In order to provide us with a pantry, he redesigned the laundry room on the other side of the wall to create the space. Now, both areas are more user-friendly."

With an eagerness to give his clients what they desire, through attention to detail and experienced trade alliances, Makoski achieved exactly what the Goldbergs desired. "Because of my relationship with the Goldbergs, I understood what they wanted and what the home needed to look and function as a whole," Makoski states. Makoski's design capitalized on the dramatic flair and open concept, which already existed in the Goldberg kitchen. "The set up is great," Goldberg says. "There is more cabinet space, counter space and plenty of room to cook. Everything is well organized. It looks clean and sophisticated all the time."

"There were a lot of structural components to this project, so we did involve an architect," says Makoski. "But to see the kitchen completed, you would never know what structural changes were made — the overall look is completely seamless." The redesign also involved moving the hall closet to create a wine tasting area and redesigning the cabinet layout to make for a more comfortable traffic pattern. "There were multiple doorways with pathways through the kitchen, which always creates a flow problem. We were able to improve the flow and also create a spacious gathering area," he says. Makoski was able to incorporate what the Goldbergs wanted to create a true transformation in the function and style of their kitchen.

With the help of the Goldbergs' decorator, the use of high, deep-gloss, white enamel cabinetry, including some glass fronts, and art lights highlight the dramatic effect. "The Goldbergs have beautiful items on display," Makoski says. "The room looks and feels like an art gallery."

Before the remodel, the Goldbergs were actually thinking of moving to another home to upgrade to a more modern space. But after looking around, they decided they liked their own home best. "We decided to stay here and let Frank make it fabulous. We just love it," says Goldberg.

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• PROJECT FOCUS:

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