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Project Descriptions

MIDRANGE MINOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Update a functional but dated 200-square-foot kitchen. Leave the 30 linear feet of cabinet boxes in place but replace fronts with new shaker-style wood panels and drawer fronts, including new hardware. Replace combination cooktop/oven range and slide-in refrigerator with new energy-efficient models and install midpriced sink and faucet. Replace 30 linear feet of laminate countertop and repaint trim. Add wall covering. Remove and replace resilient flooring.

MIDRANGE MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Update an outmoded 200-square-foot kitchen with a functional layout of 30 linear feet of semi-custom wood cabinets. Install a 3x5-foot island, laminate countertops, and standard double-tub stainless-steel sink with standard single-lever faucet. Include energy-efficient range, ventilation system, built-in microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, and custom lighting. Add new resilient flooring, and finish with painted walls, trim, and ceiling.

UPSCALE MAJOR KITCHEN REMODEL

Update 200-square-foot kitchen with 30 linear feet of custom white cabinets with built-in sliding shelves. Install stone countertops with ceramic- or glass-tile backsplash and undermount sink with designer faucets and water filtration system. Include built-in refrigerator; commercial-grade cooktop and vent hood; wall oven; and built-in microwave unit. Include low-voltage undercabinet lights. Install tile or flooring that looks like wood.

MIDRANGE BATHROOM REMODEL

Update an existing 5x7-foot bathroom with ceramic tile floor. Replace existing tub with 30x60-inch porcelain-on-steel tub with ceramic tile surround and new single-lever shower control. Replace fixtures with new standard white toilet, solid-surface vanity counter with integral sink, and recessed medicine cabinet with light.

UPSCALE BATHROOM REMODEL

Expand an existing 35-square-foot bathroom to 100 square feet with large-ceramic-tile floor and in-floor heating. Install 42x42-inch neo-angle shower with ceramic tile walls, body-spray fixtures, and frameless glass enclosure. Add heated towel bars. Install a free-standing soaker tub with high-end faucets and a compartmentalized commode area with one-piece toilet. Install a custom drawer base and wall cabinets, and stone countertop with two sinks.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN BATHROOM

Update existing 5x7-foot space to be wheelchair-accessible (zero threshold, 36-inch-wide door) and install flat-panel electrical switches at sitting level (36 to 42 inches above floor). Replace toilet with comfort-height fixture featuring elongated bowl and bidet-type seat. Remove existing bathtub and install curbless, tiled, walk-in shower with adjustable showerhead, fold-out seat, thermostatic mixing valve, and bi-directional glass door. Replace flooring with electric radiant heat beneath new luxury vinyl tile flooring. Install adaptive-living vanity with easy-grasp handles and adjustable mirror. Install LED lights, infrared ceiling light, night light, and ultra-quiet vent fan with humidity-sensing controls. Install ceramic tiles on walls with two contrasting color stripes. Install nine towel bars that can support 250 pounds and reconfigure storage to be accessible from a seated position.

MIDRANGE BATHROOM ADDITION

Add a full 6x8-foot bathroom over a crawlspace with poured concrete walls, ceramic tile floor, and painted trim. Install cultured-marble vanity top with molded sink, standard chrome faucets, and mirrored medicine cabinet. Install 30x60-inch white fiberglass tub/shower with ceramic tile surround and single-lever faucet. Install white low-profile toilet and linen closet. Install general and spot lighting.

UPSCALE BATHROOM ADDITION

Add a 100-square-foot master bathroom with large-ceramic-tile floor and in-floor heating. Install 42x42-inch neo-angle shower with ceramic tile walls with accent strip, recessed shower caddy, body-spray fixtures, and frameless glass enclosure. Install a free-standing soaker tub with high-end faucets and a compartmentalized commode area with one-piece toilet. Install a custom drawer base and wall cabinets, stone countertop with two sinks.

MIDRANGE PRIMARY SUITE ADDITION

Add a 24x16-foot master bedroom suite over a crawlspace with carpet on bedroom floor and ceramic tile on bathroom floor. Include walk-in closet/dressing area in bedroom. In bathroom, include a free-standing soaker tub, separate 3x4-foot walk-in ceramic tile shower, exhaust fan, and double-bowl vanity with solid-surface countertop. Both bedroom and bathroom include painted walls, ceiling, and trim with general and spot lighting.

UPSCALE PRIMARY SUITE ADDITION

Add a 32x20-foot master bedroom suite over a crawlspace with in-floor heating, soundproofing between addition and living area, custom wall finishes and hardware, and French doors. Include a large sleeping area with lounge and a gas fireplace

with stone hearth and custom mantle, custom bookcases and built-in storage with millwork details, and large walk-in closet. Upscale bathroom with dual shower, free-standing soaker tub and frameless glass enclosure. Add hospitality center.

CONVERT FROM FOSSIL-FUEL FURNACE TO ELECTRIC HEAT PUMP

Remove and dispose of existing natural gas, propane, or oil furnace. Install electric heat pump to heat and cool 2,000-square-foot home. Remove existing metal ductwork and grilles, patch drywall, and touch up paint. Add required electrical wiring to service panel. Install five line sets and five indoor wall units (two 9,000-Btu units, one 6,000-Btu unit, in bedrooms; two 12,000-Btu units in main living areas).

STEEL ENTRY DOOR REPLACEMENT

Remove existing 3-0/6-8 entry door and jambs and replace with new 20-gauge-steel unit, including clear, dual-pane half-glass panel, jambs, and aluminum threshold with composite stop. Door is factory finished with same color both sides. Exterior brick-mold and 2.5-inch interior colonial or ranch casings in poplar or equal prefinished to match door color. Replace existing lockset with new bored lock.

FIBERGLASS GRAND ENTRANCE

Remove existing 3-0/6-8 entry door and cut and reframe opening for a 12-36-12 entrance door with dual sidelights. Move double-gang electrical box with two switches. Fiberglass door blank matches upscale entry, including color, threshold, lockset, and decorative half-glass with sidelights to match door. PVC-wrapped exterior trim in color to match existing trim and wider interior colonial or ranch casings finished to match door.

GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT

Remove and dispose of existing 16x7-foot garage door and tracks. Install new four-section garage door with lifetime warranty on new, heavy-duty galvanized steel tracks, and reuse existing motorized opener. New door is high-tensile-strength steel with two coats of factory-applied paint, and foam-insulated to minimum R-12, with thermal seals between pinch-resistant panels. Windows in top panel are ½-inch insulated glass.

COMPOSITE DECK ADDITION

Add a 16x20-foot deck using pressure-treated joists supported by 4x4 posts anchored to concrete piers. Install composite deck material in a simple linear pattern with a built-in bench and planter of the same decking material. Include stairs, assuming three steps to grade, and provide a complete railing using a matching system made of the same composite as the decking material.

WOOD DECK ADDITION

Add a 16x20-foot deck using pressure-treated joists supported by 4x4 posts anchored to concrete piers. Install pressure-treated deck boards in a simple linear pattern with a built-in bench and planter of the same decking material. Include stairs, assuming three steps to grade, and provide a complete railing system using pressure-treated wood posts, railings, and balusters.

ASPHALT ROOF REPLACEMENT

Remove existing roofing to bare wood sheathing and dispose of properly. Install 30 squares (3,000 square feet) of laminated roof shingles with new underlayment, galvanized drip edge, and mill-finish aluminum flashing. Assume a 5-square hip roof, custom flashing at two average-size skylights, and custom cap treatment at vented ridge.

METAL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Remove roofing to bare wood sheathing. Install ice-barrier membrane on roof perimeter and in valley areas and a premium-grade synthetic underlayment. Install 3,000 square feet of standing-seam metal roofing. Install matching pre-formed accessories including starter strip/drip edge, gable trim, cleated valley, hip flashing, and vented ridge flashing. Assume a 5-square hip roof, custom flashing at two average-size skylights, and custom cap treatment at vented ridge.

WOOD WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Replace 10 existing 3x5-foot double-hung windows with insulated, Energy Star, simulated-divided-light wood windows. Interior finish of stained hardwood. Exterior of colored aluminum cladding to match siding. Replace shutters and exterior casing without disturbing existing siding.

VINYL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Replace 10 existing 3x5-foot double-hung windows with insulated, Energy Star, simulated-divided-light vinyl windows. Replace shutters and exterior casing without disturbing existing siding.

VINYL SIDING REPLACEMENT

Replace 1,250 square feet of existing siding with new siding, including coil stock over all trim.

FIBER-CEMENT SIDING REPLACEMENT

Replace 1,250 square feet of existing siding with new, fiber-cement siding, factory primed and factory painted. Include all 4/4 and 5/4 trim using either fiber-cement boards or cellular PVC.

MANUFACTURED STONE VENEER

Remove a 300-square-foot continuous band of existing vinyl siding from the bottom third of the street-facing façade. Replace with adhered veneer, including 36 linear feet of sills, 40 linear feet of corners, and one address block. Include two layers of water-resistive barrier over bare sheathing, corrosion-resistant lath and fasteners, and ½-inch mortar scratch coat and setting bed. Outline the archway using an 8x10-inch keystone.

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PROJECT TYPE	LINCOLN			SOUTH ATLANTIC			2023 NATIONAL AVERAGES		
	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped	Job Cost	Resale Value	Cost Recouped
Minor Kitchen Remodel | Midrange	24,900	21,737	87.3%	27,336	23,696	86.7%	27,492	26,406	96.1%
Major Kitchen Remodel | Midrange	72,196	29,337	40.6%	78,153	35,152	45.0%	79,982	39,587	49.5%
Major Kitchen Remodel | Upscale	145,220	45,580	31.4%	155,293	53,164	34.2%	158,530	60,176	38.0%
Bath Remodel | Midrange	23,234	12,740	54.8%	24,436	17,183	70.3%	25,251	18,613	73.7%
Bath Remodel | Upscale	74,018	24,139	32.6%	76,859	32,575	42.4%	78,840	35,591	45.1%
Bath Remodel | Universal Design	38,258	11,863	31.0%	39,726	19,127	48.1%	40,750	20,148	49.4%
Bathroom Addition | Midrange	54,744	15,470	28.3%	56,054	17,957	32.0%	58,586	20,334	34.7%
Bathroom Addition | Upscale	98,174	27,001	27.5%	100,703	30,858	30.6%	107,477	34,997	32.6%
Primary Suite Addition | Midrange	152,347	44,403	29.1%	156,558	49,420	31.6%	164,649	58,484	35.5%
Primary Suite Addition | Upscale	317,869	51,956	16.3%	322,805	68,891	21.3%	339,513	81,042	23.9%
HVAC Conversion | Electrification	16,365	7,771	47.5%	18,556	11,819	63.7%	18,800	12,422	66.1%
Entry Door Replacement | Steel	2,163	3,861	178.5%	2,326	4,627	198.9%	2,355	4,430	188.1%
Grand Entrance | Fiberglass	9,870	7,373	74.7%	11,146	10,767	96.6%	11,353	11,054	97.4%
Garage Door Replacement	4,565	6,342	138.9%	4,727	8,958	189.5%	4,513	8,751	193.9%
Deck Addition | Composite	20,073	16,587	82.6%	24,176	15,191	62.8%	24,206	16,498	68.2%
Deck Addition | Wood	14,617	9,462	64.7%	16,422	12,824	78.1%	17,615	14,596	82.9%
Roofing Replacement | Asphalt Shingles	26,302	12,733	48.4%	29,581	17,672	59.7%	30,680	17,461	56.9%
Roofing Replacement | Metal	44,050	20,358	46.2%	47,483	24,990	52.6%	49,928	24,034	48.1%
Window Replacement | Wood	23,590	15,709	66.6%	25,203	15,888	63.0%	25,799	16,222	62.9%
Window Replacement | Vinyl	18,776	12,888	68.6%	20,372	14,228	69.8%	21,264	14,270	67.1%
Siding Replacement | Vinyl	15,478	9,512	61.5%	15,961	12,182	76.3%	17,410	13,957	80.2%
Siding Replacement | Fiber-Cement	18,301	12,878	70.4%	18,601	17,482	94.0%	20,619	18,230	88.4%
Manufactured Stone Veneer	9,913	10,172	102.6%	10,159	15,261	150.2%	11,287	17,291	153.2%

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