

Living the American Dream in Inverness

Looking to expand, while also wanting to keep their children in school districts 15 and 211, this new Inverness family teamed up with a custom builder, Chris Noon at Chestnut Hill Development, to design *exactly* what they wanted. Only they didn't know *exactly* what that was. However, after identifying the ideal area, the process took off and ended with perfection.

Chris met with his clients on a weekly basis beginning in November 2003. Included in those meetings was designer Kelly Guinaugh from Interior Enhancement Group. "Details make the project a success," Chris says, which is why the trio spent roughly four months planning. "The idea is to have a timeline and target dates," Kelly adds. "That way everyone stays on track."

Patience plays a huge role when taking on a project like this. The client said watching and waiting for the project to develop was tough. "If you are going to build a house go into it with your eyes open. It is a time consuming task... the day to day is overwhelming... the





devil is in the details.”

Fortunately, the details are Kelly’s specialty. She not only understands the homes layout but also follows the construction process closely. This makes for a strong circle of communication. “I am another set of eyes,” Kelly says. She helps guide the project through every step of the way and believes in a good partnership.

The client met with Kelly roughly twice a week. Together they picked out colors and fabrics and patterns to create the exact look she wanted. Kelly emphasizes it really is up to you to determine just how involved you get. “I really enjoyed it,” the client said.



A prime example sits in the great room. It is a specially made limestone fireplace, which the couple spent a great deal of time searching for. The same is true with the front door. It became a challenge for them to find exactly what they wanted.

To date one of family’s favorite rooms is the richly finished basement complete with movie theatre. A beautiful stone fireplace and bar complete the entertainment atmosphere. However, the look down here was not like this on the original design. The client said, “...once the drywall went up we knew a theatre had to be included, so it was.” The family believes they were able to make a change like that because the builder was committed to 100% customer satisfaction.



The couple's three children were also involved in the process. Everyone now has their own room with a special perk. One child has her own bathroom. Another chose a beautiful walk-in closet and the third a stunning window. While they may not be old enough to truly appreciate what their parents went through to obtain a home like this. They do know their individual rooms compliment their unique personalities.

"Having patience on both sides was a definite plus. Everyone set reasonable expectations," Chris adds. Seeing the home finished before they moved in was the most rewarding. "The window treatments were up! And they said they felt like they had lived here their whole life!" Building a custom home can be exhausting, but daily communication and well thought out planning are sure to bring you much happiness and joy for years to come.

From your mind to your design to your new home, building in Inverness will prove to be an experience and an investment sure to last a lifetime.

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