

# LIFESTYLE MAKEOVER!



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Whether remodeling the kitchen or bath, 21st-century design trends emphasize a custom feel based on the client's unique lifestyle, wants and needs. It boils down to "designing for living," says Tim Burch, CR, President of the Metro DC Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) and third-generation owner and president of Warrenton-based Burch Builders Group, LLC.

## KITCHENS for LIVING

Just a few decades ago, kitchens were separate from the common family living areas, but over the years they have become more integrated. And, according to Burch, the current emphasis is on multipurpose designs: "The kitchen is used as a great room or kitchen family room. It's really like the focal point of what's going on [in the home]." Burch, father of three children, calls his

own kitchen "control central." In fact, he remodeled his kitchen specifically to allow for and enhance interaction among family members.

Allison Mann, project designer for Burch Builders Group, LLC, says she sees the entire range of clients, "from couples just starting out in a starter

home who want to renovate/remodel their kitchen to clients nearing or in their early stages of retirement who just want to upgrade the kitchen to have

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*If you can imagine it, [fabricators] can create it for you. Curves are especially popular now...as are energy-efficient appliances and green design.*

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