

# REINVENTING Personal Space

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*For Sale by Owner* sign in Jaffrey, New Hampshire changed the lives of Sue and David Graham several years ago. A new house meant seeing the potential to completely make it their own, and with that came the challenges of where to begin renovating.

Painted custom armoires designed by Renior Renovations were integrated into the master bedroom sitting area. In deciding the best use of space, the Graham's undertook a worthy exercise: reviewing every piece of clothing they owned to determine what type of storage they truly needed. Maple hardwood floors extend throughout the space, warmed by radiant heat. An open entryway divides the space between the master bedroom and sitting area. An inviting palette of Benjamin Moore Regal paints was used to highlight cherished family artwork.

avid had been friends with Renny Weiss, co-owner of Jaffrey's Renoir Renovations, when they coached soccer together years ago, and had recently learned of Renny's new business designing and renovating interior spaces. Having renovated on their own in the past, the Grahams thought they'd get some advice this time.

"It was great to reconnect with Renny and his wife and partner, Laurie Leja, and learn about their successful work as design/build contractors offering interior design services, custom cabinetry and high-end carpentry."

The challenge at the Graham home was a common one: redefining the interior space. It had become difficult for Sue and David to see their space as anything other than how they used it, day to day. Laurie went in with a fresh eye and reinvented the interior to serve the couple



A Zodiac Quartz half wall cap in Astral Pearl sits just above hidden pullouts that serve as linen storage for the dining room.



In order to add windows to the renovated kitchen, a unique wall of cherry raised panel cabinetry was designed by Laurie to maintain traditional storage options.



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With the goal of creating a spacious, open kitchen that offered refreshing views of Mount Monadnock, Renny installed Marvin awning windows across the back of the home. The Graham's chose a Silestone in Tigris Sand kitchen countertop for both durability and esthetics. A Kohler Simplice faucet and stainless steel sink complement the brushed nickel hardware on the cabinetry.



To complement the color of cabinetry used in the kitchen, a contemporary flat panel style in cherry was selected for the home office. Having removed a traditional closet due to the reconfigured layout, a hidden coat closet was included in the home office design. A wide countertop with matching cherry edging was selected to support the computer, fax and provide a proper workspace to review materials. Several drawers were added for client and personal files.

better, and to meet their goals of eventually aging in place. Renny created stunning, custom cabinetry to fulfill the new living space requirements they desired.

“As an art teacher, I could envision new colors and themes, but I couldn’t define a new use of the space,” explains Sue. “It took Renny and Laurie’s outside perspective to drive the vision and bring a sense of clarity to our plans.”

Those plans included the reconfiguring of three small bedrooms into a master suite, two small bathrooms combined to make a luxury bathroom, and the creation of a home office. Renny installed new Anderson 400 series windows in each room, not only showcasing Mount Monadnock, but also promoting efficiencies in temperature control and savings. David and Sue then selected radiant heat throughout the first floor level, utilizing Owens engineered flooring, a hybrid product that can be sanded and refinished and is also warranted.

“Renny and Laurie helped narrow the overwhelming array of choices for tile, paint and other materials,” David says. “They provided the best options for tone, texture and color in small batches that made sense. We’re so glad we reconnected with them, and the experience of working together to create our ‘new’ home was beyond anything we imagined.”



The raised panel cherry cabinets were repeated in the bathroom design to allow for continuity and ample storage. Porcelain tile was selected for the large shower which houses a built-in seat and handheld shower heads. Ceramic tile with radiant heat was installed, along with Corian countertops and an integrated sink, completing the spa-like feeling. A solar window shade with a custom valance (not pictured) completes the room.

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