



REMODELING 101

'TIS THE SEASON

THE HOLIDAYS MEAN LOTS OF ENTERTAINING. TWO NARI MEMBERS PROVIDE THEIR INSIGHT ON HOW TO SPRUCE UP YOUR SPACE IN TIME FOR VISITORS. BY LEAH HAMMOND



IMAGINE THE KITCHEN you grew up in. It's probably traditional-looking, with a stovetop, fridge and sink, forming what's called a "work triangle." Although this style of kitchen still exists, **John Hall**, owner of the **Hall Design Group**, says kitchens are now expanding and adding work zones where everything has a place. "You're getting multiple cooks in the kitchen, more today than ever before," he says. "So now we're designing kitchens that are geared to have multiple cooks in them."

The galley sink is one of those new trends, making it easy for multiple people to do more in one area — a traditional galley workstation is equipped with cutting boards, drying racks, serving bowls and colanders. This sink is reinventing the way you prepare, serve, entertain and clean up.

Then when it's time to cook a large holiday meal in the oven or something after a long workday, Hall says, homeowners are now opting for a steam or speed oven. "Over the last 30 years, people wanted a double oven," he says. "But, nobody really wants a double oven anymore with the introduction of a single steam or speed oven."

A steam oven, for serious or expert cooks, will give you a restaurant-quality whole roasted chicken and it even has defrosting capabilities. However, if you're in a pinch



— a speed oven can bake a potato in about 6 or 7 minutes or prepare a tasty meal that can be ready in less than 15 minutes without compromising quality.

While redesigning the entire layout of your kitchen may be a project to tackle after the holidays,

Andy Ieropoli, president and general manager of **Advance Home Improvement LLC**, says remodeling your bathroom can be done at any time, especially for homes that have more than one. "One of the biggest trends for that second or third bathroom is adding a large, walk-in shower," Ieropoli says. "Many of our clients are willing to have their tubs totally removed for a spacious shower."

Ieropoli also points out that clients are becoming more aware of the opportunity to install a heated floor — perfect for those chilly mornings in Northeast Ohio. "We put in a programmable, touchscreen thermostat specifically for the bathroom," he says. "So, if you want to have your floor heat kick on before you get up in the morning, especially in the winter time, it's a really nice feature."

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