

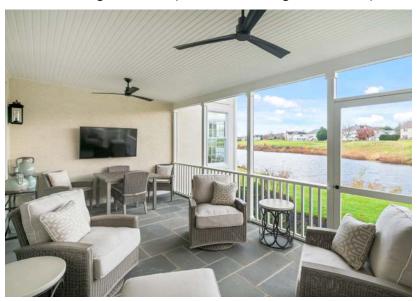
## Ringing in the New Year with Home Remodeling

by John Mayer



Well, we finally made it. 2020 has come to an end and we have officially made it to 2021! I'm not sure there has ever been a better time for a change. While New Year Resolutions have had a history of growing to a healthier lifestyle, we're here to show you how home remodeling has been benefiting people's lifestyles! Here are some of the home remodeling trends for 2021.

WORK AND STUDY SPACES: Working from home has become the new normal in most households. If these new arrangements threw you a curveball, you're not alone. Which is why it's no surprise that Home Office Remodeling has been the predicted number one trend for 2021. Whether you already had a home office but have outgrown the space, or adding an office space



to your home in general; either way we are here to help. The best way to get the most out of your new at home office, is adding cabinetry or custom built-in's. If you're sharing this space with your spouse or children, organization will go a long way. Since Skype/Zoom calls have also become the new normal, it's always best to add proper lighting. Either new and improved fixtures, or adding windows for more natural light.

KITCHENS: Kitchens have always been the heart of the home, but more than ever it has become a multifunctional space. Kitchens have certainly been put to good use for multiple reasons this past year. Cooking and baking increased since everyone was encouraged to stay home. Maybe the kitchen needs to be reconfigured so it can handle more storage for all those cooking and baking ingredients. Kitchens may also have had to serve as the classroom or home office. A spacious island or peninsula with added seating can double duty to preparing meals and getting work accomplished.

OutDoor SPACES & Rooms: Social distancing was the theme of 2020 and looks to continue in 2021. With that being said, outdoor spaces like porches and patios, are a predicted trend for this year. People have been hosting in their backyards more than ever before. It allows everyone to join in on the fun while also keeping a safe distance. A popular addition to a backyard are outdoor kitchens along with an outdoor dining area. This is a great addition to any home, not just during a Pandemic. An outdoor kitchen and dining area adds more space for hosting, convenient to cook outside with your guests, and even adds value to your home! This space can be added to a patio or deck, or you can create a new space in your backyard; giving you even more room for guests.

Finally, we would like wish our clients a happy and safe New Year. We know 2020 wasn't what we all imagined it to be, so let's make up for it in 2021! Begin your year with a fresh start, and nothing says fresh start like a home remodel! If any of these projects influenced you to make a change in your home, R. Craig Lord Construction Company is always here to help.





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## News in the Neighborhood

We recently finished up a porch and Sunroom addition on this Moorestown home. Our customer wanted to expand their living room along with a backyard porch. They wanted to take advantage of their lovely view of the golf course on the water, so we added large windows and a screened in porch. This screened in porch is perfect for relaxing outside while being out of the way of the summer sun (porch featured on front page). When it's too cold to sit out there, they can always sit by the fire in their new sunroom and still enjoy that beautiful view thanks to those vast windows!

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## Carpenter's Corner

We have been remodeling homes for 40 years. The longevity of our time is all thanks to the highly skilled team we employ and the clients that trust and support us in our endeavors. To mark our 40 year Anniversary, we invited our clients to participate in a virtual charity drive. The week of November 30th we sprinkled the neighborhoods with our 40th Anniversary signs on their front lawns. Clients selected one from four charities that have personal meaning to us. We raised \$2,400.00. Again, thank you for all of your support!

