

# Modern Living

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**WITH THIS LARGE PROJECT**, the clients came to Josh Edgell at JEMM Construction looking for a master plan for the whole house to be completed in stages. Fortunately JEMM Construction has a design-build firm in-house that can create 3-D renderings of each space to show continuity from room to room.

"They were really interested in that because it helped them through their selection process," Edgell says. That process included designs for the master bathroom, as well as the kitchen, dining room, living room and main areas of the house.

Starting with the master bathroom, the space was large but wasn't being utilized properly. "They had a large, almost outside-sized Jacuzzi tub that took up more than half the bathroom and a tiny fiberglass shower," Edgell says. "It was past its prime."

Edgell replaced the tub with a smaller one to gain more space and was able to install an extra makeup counter separate from the double vanities, as well as enlarge the toilet room and create a curbless open-air shower. The bathroom proved to be a challenge because of its location over the garage, which made it cold during the winter. Edgell solved this problem by spraying foam insulation into the joist space above the garage, then installing heat strips under the bathroom tile flooring.

Moving to the kitchen area, the living room, dining room and kitchen were all done at the same time. "It was your typical center-hall colonial house that was closed in," Edgell says. "We were able to remove bearing walls and put beams in to support the upstairs and open up the dining room to the kitchen and to the living room."

The homeowners wanted a clean, modern look and Edgell provided that with all-white,



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## NUTS & BOLTS

### HOME ADDRESS:

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### PROJECT FOCUS:

Whole House  
Renovation



high-gloss cabinets, white Cambria quartz countertops and a solid piece of quartz for the backsplash. A unique addition in the kitchen was the hue lighting, which can be controlled by a smartphone and changes color, providing ambiance based on the mood. "You can turn all the lights blue, or set it to a fireworks display and each room will start

doing a fireworks display," Edgell explains.

New Coretec luxury vinyl flooring was installed throughout the kitchen, living and dining rooms. The staircase railings, which Edgell redid with high-gloss chrome rails and stainless steel cables for spindles, captured the modern feel the homeowners wanted.

"The client in this case was really open to all ideas and understanding about how those need to be completed," Edgell adds. "The clients really help make a project." —JP

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