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Project Profile Canfield Traditional

At Master Plan Design, we pride ourselves on staying on the cutting edge design, trend, and style. However, there is something to be said about a timeless look, with traditional feel. In Northeast Ohio, an area especially rooted in tradition, many are looking for homes with a Tuscan-style design. For this Canfield, Ohio home, our goal was to achieve just that. As with any traditionally inspired design, raised panel cabinets are a go-to look. In this particular kitchen's raised panel design, we chose a concave arch leading up to the center panel

of the cabinetry doors, described as a "Cove Raise," and some simple edge detailing, which as seen in these photos, provides a warm and classic vibe to the room. While some hybrid traditional/Tuscan-stye homes may choose to go over the top with ornate detailing, this design incorporated a cleaner look, showcasing hints of the wood grain by finishing the cabinets with a glaze, while still leaning toward the

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ever popular white kitchen theme. Cabinet glazing is the process of adding a second color to your cabinets. This color helps accentuate the architectural details, such as corners and moldings. The glazing process starts with the base color, in this particular instance white, and the accent color is added, shown here with a charcoal accent. The glazing is applied and then wiped down, leaving behind a remnant of the color, with a hazy look that deepens the base color and adds contrast. The glazing technique lends itself to traditional style cabinets and

accessories that have more ornate detailing, edging and moldings. To keep this look consistent throughout the kitchen, we added decorative panels onto the finished sides



of the island cabinetry. This establishes areas of interest to the more "hangup" locations for the glazing, carrying continuity of color throughout the kitchen. Another design feature this kitchen utilizes is a bead-board paneling on the backside of the island.

In this area we were able to add open shelving for decorative display, as well as a functional area to keep the family's collection of cookbooks. With the addition of the bead-board, we add to the overall aesthetic, while maintaining consistency in

the color, allowing the glazing to accent the recesses of the paneling detail. Another area in the kitchen that can transform a look from builder grade or stock cabinetry to completely custom without escalating the budget, is the baseboard molding and toe-kick detail. In most kitchens, the focus often goes directly to crown-molding detail and quickly ends there. The baseboard molding and detail are equally important and an easy way.

to take the look to the next level without incurring formidable cost. As seen on the cover, we added a decorative toe-skirt on the open shelf side of the island that matched the detailing of the valence

on top of the shelves. This look enhances the overall aesthetic of the island, creating an appeal similar to the approach of a piece of furniture and a focal point. Throughout the rest of the kitchen, baseboard as well as shoe molding is added to give the cabinetry a finished look, that again adds that touch of detail that goes above and beyond.

An additional aspect of this home's design that stands apart from most of today's homes is the staircase. In the modern age, many customers are choosing to go with a wrought-iron finish for their staircase balusters. While wrought-iron can still be used in more decorative ways, with intricate designs in a traditional style home, the clean and fresh look of the white wood contrasting the balusters accentuates the linear elements and builds a look stands the test of time!



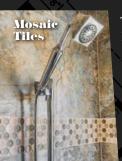


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Featured Upcoming Trends

Our new home customers, along with those seeking to add a pop to their current home are always looking for a way to bring their homes to life, or add new and interesting dimension to their homes to bring them up to speed with current trends. A

great way to add personalized flare to your home is with an accent wall! Accent walls can make a striking statement and add that "Wow Factor" to a space, while keeping the update economical. These accent spaces can introduce texture, color and dimension into an area otherwise void of a pop of personality while simultaneously creating a mood or ambiance.



These focal walls are more than just tacking a piece of art to the surface, and here are some of the current trends that we have noticed are being embraced!

Modernized Wallpaper - Yes! Wallpaper is back! This is a relatively simple and customizable way to reach your goal of adding interest and personal style to a space while staying within your budget.

Mosaic Tiles - These are not your average tiled walls. If those plain, subway tiles that have become dated come to mind, think again. Varying the shape, texture

and color of tiles in a given space can not only add interest but also, compliment the look or accent the dimensions of the space!



Woven Wall Coverings - Texture is the topic here, Woven materials add a tactile approach to the mood of the room. Grasscloth is one of most popular styles, but this look ranges to many styles with materials such as paper weave, linen, raffia or seagrass.

Picture Frame Molding - These geometric elements are simply the moldings of a frame, and it's interest lies in the form of its profile. It can either be quite complicated for antique frames or very simple for modern frames, in many cases used to fill other wise blank walls with interest.

Textured Painting - Textured paint or joint compound can create a dimensional faux finish resulting textured walls that can mimic woods, metallic and stones textures.

These applications are not limited to walls, though. Accents such as these can essentially be added to any flat surface. If a whole feature wall is too bold for you, consider textured painting on your stove hood to further your desired aesthetic. Love the backsplash look but tiling the entire kitchen isn't in your budget? A mosaic combination just above your range can bring the same pizazz at a fraction of the cost.

Accents in your home are a daring way you can really have fun with design in your home. Call Master Plan Design today to learn more about creative ways to achieve the look you want in ways you never thought you could have or dreamed of!



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