



Homes of Distinction, Built with Integrity



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Life Stage Design

As we move through our lives, our circumstances and needs change, and with them, so does what we want and need to get out of our homes. Does this mean that at every stage of your life you need a different home? No. But it does mean that periodic modifications of your home will allow it to stay as well suited for your life as possible and allow you to fully enjoy the home that you love for much longer.



More and more couples are buying a home before they have children and need to add bedrooms as their families expand, in addition to making other changes like enlarging a kitchen to better accommodate cooking for a growing family or converting an unfinished basement into a play room. On the other hand, it is not uncommon for couples to wait until they have children to purchase a home. In either case, as the children grow up and move out, the empty nesters are left with spaces that could be better used. Unused bedrooms and play areas can be turned into home offices, libraries, exercise rooms... the list goes on and on.

While these changes happen in the course of most families' lives, there are other life changes that are not as easily predicted, but which also provide a great opportunity for adjusting your home to better suit your life. Perhaps a big home office would help you avoid staying late at work or going in on the weekend. Perhaps your parents want to spend more time with their grandkids, and an in-law or grandparents suite would allow that. In addition, we all develop new interests as we age, many of which can benefit from a change to our homes. Some people realize they enjoy entertaining, and would like to beautify their kitchen and add a big dining room, or a game room, perhaps with a pool table. Some people, as their lives get busier, would like to make their home into a calm oasis, and add luxurious master suites and bathrooms.

Our lives change, and most of us probably don't want to uproot our families and move to a new house every time our life stage changes. Remodeling your home can be a great solution, allowing you to stay in the house and community that you

Our staff members hold the following industry certifications:

- Certified Remodeler
- Certified Remodeling Carpenter
- Certified Lead Carpenter
- Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler
- Certified Green Building Professional

love, while keeping your house up to date with your life.

Introducing Our Newest Employee!

Donatelli Castillo Builders is proud to introduce our new Sustainable Coordinator and Sales & Production Assistant, Devon Carlock. His job will be primarily to research and implement environmentally friendly building practices in Donatelli Castillo projects. He will also coordinate our jobsite recycling program to reduce the amount of construction material waste in our projects. Devon was born and raised right here in the South San Francisco Bay Area, and completed a degree in Environmental Studies at UC-Santa Barbara. He has worked in the building industry as a sub-contractor and in materials sales for several well-established green building companies in California. Devon is excited to help DCB build healthier homes with less energy consumption and less environmental impact, and we're happy to have him on our team. Donatelli Castillo Builders believes that green building practices are very important, and Devon's work will help us offer the best environmentally friendly options for remodeling projects.



Switch to Smarter Lighting

Replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescents (CFL). They use three-quarters less electricity, last years longer, and generate less heat. They now come in more shapes and sizes than ever before.

We hope you enjoyed our e-newsletter. Remember, you can use the link below to forward this to friends and family who might be interested, so that they can sign up for it as well. Look for us again next month!

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