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To promote the highest standards of remodeling, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) has established the Accredited Remodeling Company (ARC) program to support both remodeling companies and consumers needing remodeling services. This program supports remodeling companies in the continuous improvement of their business processes

and elevates the level of professionalism homeowners can expect in remodelers. In May, Atlanta Design & Build (ADB) was honored to be one of the first companies in the nation and THE first company in Georgia to attain this recognition.

"Completing the requirements of NARI's Accredited Remodeling Company (ARC) accreditation process is a wonderful accomplishment and we are proud of this professional recognition," states Dale Contant, ADB President, "This designation provides homeowners the way to identify a credible, accountable and reliable remodeling company."

The ARC designation states that ADB has been screened and scrutinized by the NARI Accreditation Review Committee and was found to have met their higher industry standards. ADB has demonstrated a proven track record of sound business practices and a commitment to our team's professional development. For homeowners, this Accredited Remodeling Company designation provides peace of mind and signifies a standard of quality you can trust when searching for a contractor to handle your project professionally.



"There's nothing better than sitting in rocking chairs near a crackling fire!" Caroline has found her happy place following the most recent remodel in their home by Atlanta Design & Build. Their new porch has become a favorite gathering spot for family and friends. They eat most of their meals in their

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CHOOSING THE IDEAL KITCHEN LAYOUT

Rather than jumping on the trend bandwagon when selecting a kitchen layout, take some time for careful consideration. After all, everyone has different lifestyles and needs. For many families the kitchen is the center of the home—a common area for meals, family, and entertainment. With more household members cooking to accommodate busy schedules, and multiple cooks in one space, there are a variety of considerations to make when selecting a layout. Ask yourself these questions:

- How many people will be cooking at one time?
- How much counter and cabinet space do you need?
- What is your favorite “work triangle?” A work triangle refers to the configuration of the main kitchen components—sink, stove, and refrigerator.
- Do you need an open concept or prefer something closed off?

STRAIGHT LINE OR “PULLMAN” KITCHENS

For apartment dwellers a straight line, or “Pullman,” kitchen layout may be ideal. This layout lacks a classic work triangle. All the appliances are on the same wall as the sink, so maintaining this small kitchen is simple. One trick to achieving this kitchen with all of the amenities of larger kitchens, is selecting appliances that fit without sacrificing quality, utility, or design.

GALLEY FOR ONE

A galley kitchen is a popular choice if you live alone or one family member does the cooking, especially in smaller homes. Updated versions of the classic galley include features like a pass-through into a dining room, or a counter with convenient seating. Some homeowners may prefer to have a closed galley kitchen, particularly if they do not do a lot of cooking at home. Others prefer the privacy of a closed-off kitchen so that other family members can watch television or entertain guests in another room.

If you have a galley style layout in a home with multiple cooks, it can be a substantial annoyance trying to prepare meals together due to the tight working triangle, and you may want to consider a different layout.



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L-SHAPED FOR ENTERTAINING

An L-shaped layout is an attractive choice for entertaining and one of the most popular layouts. The L layout transforms awkward corners into useable space. An island with seating can be a perfect choice for staying connected during mealtimes.

Because L-shaped kitchens are often situated next to another room there is plenty of space for guests to gather while you continue prepping food. There is even room for a table and seating in a room connected to the kitchen. The work triangle of the L layout is incredibly efficient. The flow of the space will naturally draw guests to congregate in this part of your home.

U LAYOUT: HORSESHOE KITCHENS FOR TOGETHERNESS

For family members who want separate workspaces while still cooking together a U, or horseshoe, kitchen is ideal. The horseshoe requires three walls, so it is better for homeowners with space to spare. U-shaped layouts offer a continuous flow of countertops and cabinets, and this layout maximizes storage and work surfaces.

A variation on the U-shaped layout is the G layout kitchen. Normally a kitchen is configured into a G-shape with the inclusion of a peninsula. An island may or may not accompany the peninsula in a G-shaped kitchen. The result can be a cozier, more closed-off feel that only mildly impacts the space’s work triangle.

Remember that a kitchen remodel is the perfect time to consider the functionality of your layout and change it accordingly. Choose a layout that will accommodate your lifestyle for many years to come.



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SEVENTIES FLASHBACK

USING COLORS, TEXTURES, AND SLEEK LINES

You may be surprised to hear that 70s style décor is making a comeback, but the flashbacks currently trending are not vintage avocado green couches or disco balls. Instead, a mixture of various styles is emerging. Decorators are creating distinctive looks by combining contemporary styles, midcentury modern pieces, and elements of the 1970s.

A favorite throwback from the 70s is the use of bold color palettes. Earth tones like terracotta orange, mustard yellow, and emerald green are big right now. The warmer colors bring a natural feel into rooms with lots of glass and metal touches, softening the lines. Meanwhile, jeweled hues like turquoise, crimson, and royal blue are bringing the glamorous and the dramatic into play in these spaces.

Woven textures are another earthy element, and they are showing up in macramé wall hangings, throws, pillows, and rugs with a handmade feel. Geometric patterns mimic the look of a woven texture without the tactile results, but with a smooth and modern mood.

Lines are key when using these particular trends. Furniture with rounded edges using 70s-inspired color palettes is gaining popularity. Circular tables and metal and wood combinations are distinctive. Velvet tufted upholstery, with low profile curves, against gleaming metal frames creates a feel of luxury combined with utility.

The use of sleek lines is prevalent in statement lighting as well. Metals like brass, chrome, and nickel are mirrored from the furnishings to the lighting. Chandeliers, like the one-of-a-kind sputnik chandelier, bring a taste of midcentury modern into the mix, pairing beautifully with the colors, textures, and lines of the trendiest rooms.



Custom Home Entertainment: Family Theaters

Do you enjoy going to the movies or would you rather stay home? Are you dedicated to watching movies the way some people are devoted to their hobbies? Many cinephiles enjoy watching films in the comfort of their homes. One reason custom home theaters have become so popular is that more people enjoy entertaining friends at home, or they prefer an intimate gathering of family complete with all of the perks of a public theater—large screen format, projector, surround sound, and comfortable seating. Unlike a public movie theater, the audience is comprised of people you know, and the snacks are tailored to your exact tastes.

If you have a room in your home that is under-used, why not have a custom home theater added to your home? There are a variety of options available, from opulent Old Hollywood style rooms conjuring nostalgia, to this sleek and modern theater with comfortable beige couches contrasting with the rows of dark cabinetry. There are plenty of places to store all of your movies as well as a wonderful black backdrop for your large screen.

Soundproofing is ideal in these types of spaces, allowing other members of the household to sleep or enjoy other activities undisturbed. Some people opt for custom or vintage movie

theater style seating rather than couches; others prefer cushions on the floor for a casual design. You can choose whatever features you prefer for your home theater. The point is to create a marvelous room for entertaining and a fun alternative to the hobby room for your family's movie hobbyist.



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new outdoor dining space. A toasty fire in the fireplace and a game of college football on the television mounted over the mantle, make the porch a perfect autumn retreat for guests.

It wasn't always that way. The original layout of their screened porch was awkward and cramped. In order to access their breakfast area, they had to cross the uncovered deck to get to their screened porch. They loved opening the doors and windows at the back of the house on warm days to let in fresh air—but then pesky insects would come inside. Mike and Caroline wanted a year-round haven for family gatherings and outdoor dining, but their original layout was only fair weather friendly.

Faced with these challenges, they knew where they should turn. They had already used Atlanta Design & Build for three other projects and been delighted with the outcome of each one. Their most recent project, a kitchen remodel, had even been recognized by NARI-Atlanta with a Contractor of the Year award.

Upon being contacted, the Atlanta Design & Build team immediately entered the DEEPDiscovery phase of their unique HOMESStyle® System. Before any planning started, they got a clear picture of how Mike and Caroline wanted to live in the space at project's end.

Then, in the INSPIREDDesign phase, they reworked the layout, expanding the existing screened porch in two directions. They built out from the house to make room for a beautiful stone fireplace, and also out toward the breakfast area, enclosing part of the existing deck and connecting the porch directly to the house. This new layout gave room for two porch swings, two adjacent seating areas, and a large round table with seating for six! Two separate doorways now access the deck area where their grills are kept. A door beside the fireplace is



convenient for bringing in wood from the deck. The other door, near the kitchen, makes transferring food directly to the grill seamless.

With a design that now works, old indoor/outdoor carpeting was replaced with a Brazilian hardwood called Ipe. Ipe is a gorgeous flooring option for porches that is impervious to the elements. The splintery wooden decking on the exterior deck was replaced with Trex composite decking. At this point, Mike and Caroline were stunned because the addition of a second story over the porch was seen as feasible. The second floor enabled them to create a large master bedroom closet, and the overall look of the back of their house was improved—an added benefit!

Because Mike and Caroline had already experienced Atlanta Design & Build's BUILDINGPrinciples in their other projects, they knew that the construction of this project would be done masterfully with careful attention to detail. Again, they weren't disappointed. Here's what

Caroline has to say: "To anyone considering the services of Atlanta Design & Build we would say DO IT! Atlanta Design & Build has always been easy to work with, very knowledgeable and competent, always courteous and considerate, and there have never been any unpleasant "surprises" at the end of the jobs."

In the end, Mike and Caroline's favorite aspect of their completed project is the stone fireplace, a beautiful focal point, warming the space and inviting people to linger and relax.

