





# Peregrine

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## DESIGN/BUILD

AN AWARD-WINNING REMODEL OF  
A "NOT TOO BIG" HOUSE

Elegance and comfort come in all sizes—not just in spacious homes. Innovative design combined with cutting-edge materials and high-quality construction can make an old space new, bringing beauty and fresh energy to a home. When the design aligns perfectly with the aesthetic and lifestyle of the homeowners, a remodeling project is transformative.

So when Christine, a Shelburne homeowner, decided to remodel her cape-style house, she chose Peregrine Design/Build of South Burlington to bring her vision to life. Designer Jillian Bartolo took the lead, developing plans with Christine and managing the project, including finding space for several delightful added features. Jillian's design and Peregrine's execution exceeded Christine's expectations—and along the way earned a 2016 Best Residential Remodel Award from the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Northern Vermont.

### SEAMLESS AND SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

For over 25 years, Peregrine Design/Build has been working with homeowners and commercial clients to deliver high-quality homes, remodeling projects, and business spaces on time and on budget. The Peregrine team takes pride in their collaborations with clients and the seamless process they bring to projects, from design to completed construction.



A modern take on a barn-style door allows a visually interesting connection to the private master bath. The frosted glass gives privacy to the bathroom while allowing the natural light to filter into adjoining spaces.

Peregrine works throughout the greater Burlington area as well as the Champlain Islands, Stowe, and Central Vermont. From remodeling a bathroom to building a custom-designed new home, Peregrine works on projects of all sizes. For Christine, who wanted to remodel the central living space of her “not so big” three-bedroom house, Peregrine was the perfect match.

“I wanted to transform my little 1980s’ cape to a luxurious little modern cape,” Christine explains about her original goal. “I started with a vision of creating a ‘great room’ concept for the kitchen, dining, and TV room. Through some wonderful design, I ended up with all this—plus a gorgeous master suite, something I did not think was possible in my small home. The construction is first rate—attention to detail and overall quality are just fantastic.”

#### THOUGHTFUL DESIGN WITH CLIENTS’ NEEDS IN MIND

With two school-age children, Christine’s career, the family’s many activities, and frequent entertaining, this is a busy household. The modestly sized home has a lovely private backyard. Their outdoor spa is a focus of year-round use. Before construction, the home’s main living area had a disjointed layout of disconnected spaces. With small rooms and small areas for cooking, dining, schoolwork, entertaining, and relaxing, the floor plan chopped up the flow of daily life. The kitchen, located in the middle of the house, was isolated from the backyard and outdoor living.

“We wanted better use of the existing space,” says Jillian. “Specific challenges were spatially fitting all the client’s needs into the smaller home. To keep costs down, we didn’t want to expand the footprint. We had to utilize every square foot to gain a powder room and a bigger mudroom

## EXISTING



## NEW FLOOR PLAN



The existing layout on the left shows that relocating the garage entry door made room for a small powder room and a more spacious mudroom. Relocating the kitchen sink to a view of the backyard opened up a long layout for a great room of combined kitchen, living, and dining spaces. Stealing some underutilized hallway space allowed for a full master bath.

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From the beginning, Christine’s goal was to have a more open home. Jillian’s design accomplished that—and more. Walls came down and uses changed. The kitchen shifted to the back of the house. With a fresh new layout, finishes, and fixtures, it is now the center of family life.

Jillian’s resourceful design provided an updated and more functional mudroom and found space for a small, bright powder room. With the addition of the powder room, the former first-floor bathroom was free to be Christine’s private realm. In the home’s new open floor plan, transitions in spaces are subtly defined with features including millwork beams added to the ceilings, cabinetry, and overhead lighting.

The airy new kitchen connects directly to the yard with a trio of windows and a glass door. The kitchen’s white cabinets are complemented by the cherry-finished island that adds warmth to the room’s welcoming ambience. Oil-rubbed bronze knobs and drawer pulls offer contrasting accents. The oak floor with its wide planks is oiled rather than finished in



polyurethane for a softer look. Countertops are classic granite—durable and timeless. The generous surface of the island offers ample room for seating. With a 48-inch-wide refrigerator and double oven, the design accommodates casual or extensive culinary preparations.

The kitchen transitions to a living area with a kid-friendly and adult-friendly bar area. An under-counter beverage refrigerator includes a section for wine storage and another for juice, soda, or other drinks. Glassware and cups are stored in glass-fronted cabinets over the counter, which includes a small bar sink. A wall-mounted television offers viewing from around the open room.

“The large kitchen space has become the hub of the house,” says Christine. “This was especially wonderful during football season—my son and I are huge New York Giants fans—where we could watch football together as a family while cooking Sunday dinner.”

“Another wonderful feature that we added in collaboration with





Kitchen cabinetry extends into the dining and living space, allowing for an entertaining area outside of the main kitchen traffic. With a beverage and wine fridge, small sink, and glass cabinetry to display beautiful glassware, this wall of built-ins maximizes the storage possibilities for this "great room" layout.



## A Tip from Jillian Bartolo

IF A HOMEOWNER CAN MAKE ONLY ONE IMPROVEMENT THIS YEAR, WHAT SHOULD IT BE?

"Paint! It's one of the least expensive ways to make a big impact on a space. Updating paint every 8 to 10 years gives a space a fresh, clean look and allows you to pick a color 'in trend.' If you can swing it, a simple piece of crown molding installed in a room before fresh paint adds so much to a space. Millwork brings so much detail and character to a room and really sets off a beautiful paint color."

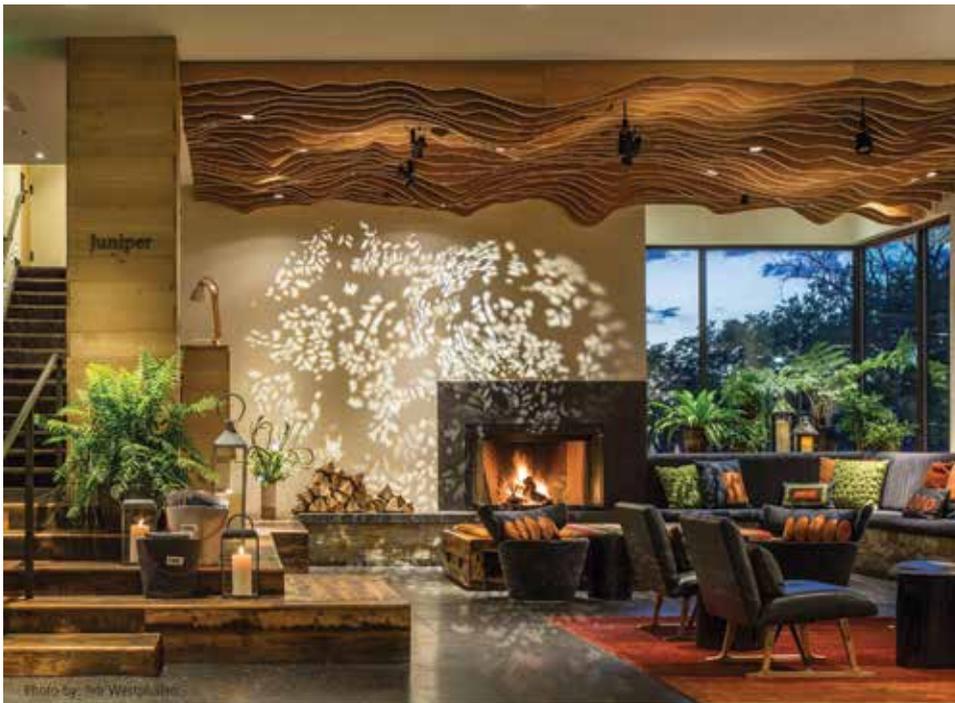


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Superstore Electronics is a sound system with built-in speakers in each room, including outdoor speakers on the deck,” Christine notes.

#### AN EFFICIENT REDESIGN OVERCOMES CHALLENGES

Fitting in an arrival space and a new powder room, the mudroom was among the home’s challenges. Redefining the rooms, Jillian developed the new mudroom with hooks, a coat closet, and bench; she also added a “drop zone.” The family now has this convenient nook to deposit keys, cell phones, notes from school, and more. It’s a place for “all the clutter that you don’t need on your kitchen island but that does need a home. It has extra outlets for charging phones,” Jillian explains. The efficient redesign allowed space for the powder room, accessed by a pocket door. With a small window, the powder room has added “pop” with bright, fireworks-style wallpaper.

The master bathroom was a bonus for Christine. While its floor plan was largely kept the same, by changing the tub to a large walk-in shower, the room was remodeled with a new sophisticated and classic look. A sliding barn-style door provides access, and frosted glass brings in more light. Its stunning quartz countertop is more durable and forgiving than marble. Stain resistant, quartz doesn’t require resealing. The undermounted rectangular sinks have sleek lines, while glass knobs on the cabinets provide a refined, feminine touch.

From the beginning of design work to completion, Christine’s remodeling project took about eight months. Throughout the process, she remained impressed by the approach, solutions, and skills of the team. ✨

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