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# Winsome Windermere

One West Ashley homeowner wished to turn his outdated house into a modern space to entertain and chose Classic Remodeling & Construction for the job.

Raymond Minnis, a resident in the coveted Windermere area, knew he wanted to remodel his house that was built in the early 1950's into a special place to host family and friends, but he also hoped to come home to a relaxing retreat after traveling and working long hours. When he met with the team at Classic Remodeling & Con-

struction, he knew they were the right people to turn those dreams into reality.

After their initial interview and consultation, in which Raymond and Classic Remodeling & Construction's in-house designer did a detailed walk-through to discuss every aspect about the older house that needed to be updated, it was

time to get to work. "We took what is now the dining and living room areas all the way down to the studs and extended the area beyond the original walls to build Raymond's kitchen," explains Jason Wagner, the project manager for Classic Remodeling & Construction. The main goal was to create a spacious cookery for Raymond while also opening that part

of the floor plan to provide plenty of space for guests to interact while he's entertaining.

From there, phase one of Raymond's renovation was a fairly smooth process. "Classic Remodeling & Construction's whole team worked with me, whether I was selecting countertops for the kitchen or discussing how many feet I would want between the different living room, dining room, and kitchen areas of the floor plan.

And the in-house designer I worked with was extremely helpful in driving those decisions forward," describes Raymond. For the Classic Remodeling & Construction team, there were only a few surprises once they opened up the walls. "Since this is an older house, it's common to find a little rot around crawlspaces and such. We found a little more than anticipated, but it was a simple fix that Raymond was happy to make," says Jason. They chuckle as they reminisce about the addition

made to house in the late 70's, which was a little worse for wear when they began their work.

Phase two of this West Ashley remodel involved completely gutting Raymond's bathroom. Again, Raymond recalls that it was a seamless process. "I had fun searching online for pictures of bathrooms I liked, and then spoke with the designer to find just the right combination of tiles and finishes." For the flooring and the shower seating, he

(above left) With this expanded kitchen, plenty of fridge space, new quartz countertops, and new skylights for natural lighting, Raymond has the optimal space for hosting guests. (above right) A commercial-sized Wolf range completes Raymond's perfect kitchen workspace.





(above top) The new dining room location was the home's previous kitchen area, making the original floor plan less than ideal for multiple guests. (above bottom) Classic Remodeling & Construction doubled the size of this bathroom from its original footprint. (right) Hexagonal gray marble tile and Carrara marble countertops blend with the gray subway tile of the shower. (inset) Jason Wagner of Classic Remodeling and Construction with homeowner, Raymond Minnis



chose a Carrara marble to coordinate with the soft gray tile along the shower wall.

Returning from work and his world travels to the modern abode of his dreams is just one perk of undertaking this remodel. He and Jason both share the same advice for other homeowners—the best way to enjoy the remodeling process is to work with a trustworthy contractor who will happily answer any questions in order to build that homeowner's functionally ideal residence. ♦

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