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Space for Everything

Want to add a mudroom, home office, or guest room but don't have the space? Here are good ways to make the most of your house's square footage.

BEFORE THEIR Bethesda Colonial was renovated, Tammy and Ed Durbin were fighting a losing battle against clutter. Their family of four used the home's side door, which opened directly into the kitchen, as the everyday entrance.

"We have two young boys," says Tammy. "Every time they came in, sports equipment, backpacks, muddy shoes, coats, and mittens were all over the floor."

The couple wanted to update and expand the kitchen as well as add a mudroom with lots of storage. To make space for a bigger kitchen, Cabin John designer Anthony Wilder bumped the house out about ten feet. "But we still didn't have the room for a mudroom," says Wilder. "That forced us to be more creative."

Wilder added a floor-to-ceiling wall of built-in storage that greets the Durbins when they walk in. The wall has four closets—one for each family member—as well as drawers, hooks, and a seat where kids can sit down to put on shoes or stash boots.

The wall doubles as the anchor of the newly redesigned kitchen—on the opposite side, it's outfitted with cabinets, a range, two refrigerators, and a steam oven. A new computer desk on the far end of the entry hallway is used to organize the Durbins' bills and other mail.

Tammy Durbin says the wall of built-ins has helped keep the whole house neat.

"Hallways with pictures and paintings on the walls cut out large swathes of space," says Wilder. "This hallway just happens to be a mudroom."

Resources

Design and Construction: Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.
7913 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD 20818; 301-907-0100;
anthonywilder.com.

Paint: Benjamin Moore Suntan Yellow (#2155-50), matte finish.

Cabinet hardware: Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery; ferguson.com.

Architectural Design: Anthony Wilder & Maria Fanjul, Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Interior Design: Karen Ewalt, ASID, Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Project Manager: John Botkin, CLC, Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Lead Carpenter: Tom Notto, CLC, Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Carpenter: Mike Marion, CLC, Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

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