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Home Improvement Experts

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How We Created This List

The best way to find a contractor is by word of mouth—from a friend, colleague, or neighbor. We started this project by asking readers to tell us the names of home-repair firms they recommend. More than 1,700 readers filled out our survey.

Once the votes were tallied, we also asked top vote-getters for referrals. We asked plumbers what firms they liked for remodeling. Appliance sellers suggested electricians. And so on.

We then did our own research, including checking each company's licensing as well as its record with the Better Business Bureau.







Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

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A former client writes, "The addition is fabulous. People say that if you don't hate your builders at the end of the project, then the project was a success. What would you say if you actually miss them when they are gone?" "It really seems to capture the special relationship we have with our clients," says Anthony Wilder of Anthony Wilder Design/Build.

Husband-and-wife founders, Anthony and Elizabeth Wilder, believe in the intrinsic connection between architecture, interior design, landscape design and construction. They have sculpted a top-notch team of talented professionals dedicated to meeting the ever-changing needs of their clients. The result is a firm that now stands out as one of the most sought-after design/build firms in the metropolitan D.C. area.

Media exposure in recent months gained the firm considerable recognition nationwide. Anthony's on-screen talent led to television appearances, including MSNBC's Your Business and HGTV's Curb Appeal. AWDB then found itself amid one of the most significant achievements in the company's history: on September 28, 2009, the firm was featured in The Wall Street Journal (after being named one of 2009's "Top Small Workplaces in America" by WSJ and Winning Workplaces). Despite the recent economic recession that has plagued their industry. Wilder and team have proved to be an enduring force.

Many are familiar with the firm's lighthearted tagline "architecture with whimsy," which "echoes our goal of making every project spectacular and special," maintain the owners. One employee found an especially fitting definition of the word "whimsy" in the book A Million Miles

in a Thousand Years by Donald Miller: "It's that nagging idea that life could be magical, it could be special if we were only willing to take a few risks." "It really says it all," says Elizabeth, "for us, it's all about capturing the very essence of what makes you distinctive, free-spirited, and fun."

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