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Cleaning out high gutters is risky.

Men falling off ladders is surprisingly common with **serious injury** and permanent disabilities resulting. Sloping ground conditions make tall extension ladders unsteady and inexperienced ladder users often use bricks and undersized boards to block under the shorter ladder leg, with disastrous results. Our recommendation: install gutter guards to prevent leaves and debris from filling them up or have professionals clean out your gutters.

Waypoint Cabinets

Full-extension, soft-close, all-wood drawers are the standard now, no longer considered "bells and whistles." Wood Wise is a dealer for Waypoint Cabinets, offering reduced cabinet cost to our homeowners with all the popular door styles and finishes. Visit our showroom to check out the Waypoint options and great pricing or see more at: <http://www.waypointlivingspaces.com/cabinets>

Design Corner:

Bathroom countertops need to be tough as well as attractive. Hair dye, make-up, soaps and cleansers can stain marble and cultured marble countertops. **Quartz** countertops, like Cambria and Silestone, are more stain resistant than granite. Remnant slabs of quartz countertops are available, offering big savings. We have samples in our showroom.



Remodeling Your Life

by Hank Wall, President of Wood Wise Design & Remodeling

Seeing how people live and hearing how they hope to live is fascinating to me. Seeing how people's homes impact their psychological state is what interests me. What role does design play in our happiness? If you live with the thirty year old wallpaper and drab paint colors year after year, does it inhibit your chances of enjoying your life? Some people are non-stop improvers and some people don't improve any aspect of their home. Is the not-changing vs. frequent-changing a telltale of someone's approach to life?

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Home improvement include painting rooms and refinishing tired wood floors. Still larger are the renovation projects I do with people. Taking out the old cabinets, expanding the kitchen by removing walls and installing everything new is an act of self-improvement that improves life for everyone who comes to the house.



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Major renovations are a bold act of improving one's world with bank loans and a contractor and many decisions. The dread of so many decisions keeps some people from remodeling. Fear of contractors keeps other people from



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undertaking big projects. And the money stops others. They can't justify spending what it takes to do the big project.

The homeowners who are bold enough to go for it are rewarded beyond what most of us ever consider. Overcoming the fear of remodeling is worth it and then some. I am particularly interested in the "then some", the personal boost above the real estate return-on-investment part of the equation. Living in a home with a new kitchen is one of the greatest lifestyle enhancements available. Cooking, serving, eating and entertaining in a kitchen that is "yours" rather than a hand me down space provides daily joy. It is enjoyable. Your partner enjoys life more. Your children enjoy home life more.

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With a new kitchen you invite people over. Entertaining is a pleasure and you become more social. Your friends reciprocate and invite you over. Your life gets a bump. Your happiness grows from the social interaction, not from the new kitchen. Life gets better when you love your space. You exude home-satisfaction and people see you as successful. You live in a nice house. You entertain. You enjoy cooking. **Living in a nice home that you create is a great way to live.**

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