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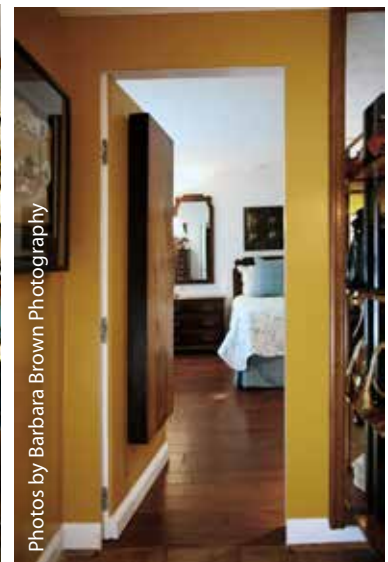
## *Aging in Place with Beauty & Style*

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Having a home in a great Marietta location and close to family, the Kessenichs wished to stay in their home during their later years. However, the husband developed some mobility issues that made accessing their upstairs master suite difficult. They requested Atlanta Design & Build create a master suite addition on the ground level that would offer the accessibility the husband needed, as well as the elegance the couple desired.

*"We wanted a master bedroom on the main floor. We love our home and decided to 'age in place'. The only way to do that was to add an addition that provided a suite specific for that purpose,"* stated R. Kessenich.

The master suite was thoughtfully planned so it could be entered from the home's dining room. To ensure privacy and maintain separate identities for each room, the entrance from the dining room is disguised through the use of a frameless, trimless, flush door with a flush handle.



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This hidden door opens into the impressive master bedroom that displays many of the Kessenichs' favorite art pieces. Strategic placement of lighting for artwork and recessed LED lighting provide ample light throughout the space.

In the hallway leading to the bathroom, mirrored pocket doors were used allowing smooth traffic flow through the hall, and easy one-handed operation.

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Whenever homeowners envision the master suite of their dreams, it is almost always a spa-like hide-away where they can escape the stresses of daily life. The master suite of The New American Home 2017 is a prime example of this kind of retreat.

The master suite is located in a secluded section of the home's layout, distanced from the more public living spaces yet connected directly to the outdoor lanai and pool area. A restful ambience permeates the master suite, originating in the simple modern lines and clean white surfaces throughout.

In the master bedroom, a full-height cushioned headboard adds texture and muffles sound to ensure a quiet, relaxing environment. A horizontal fire feature creates an inviting atmosphere, while also providing warmth on chilly evenings. Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors allow the bedroom to open completely to the outside, making the beautiful natural surroundings a visual part of the interior. The doors also open to a protected outdoor sitting area



Photo: Courtesy of Jeff Davis Photography

with a fireplace, which in turn leads to a glass enclosed fitness room. An adjoining steam room refreshes the body after workouts and removes toxins.

The master bath is a spacious open wet room with no curtains or glass partitions for the shower. A multitude of shower heads and programmable body sprays make showering a refreshing experience. The body sprays are connected to the internet, so changing the selection of spray patterns is effortless. The absence of curbs and the comfortable bench of Brazilian wood provide the shower area with universal design benefits. A freestanding oval soaking tub rests serenely in the corner next to the floor-to-ceiling windows. Natural light streams through the windows made of frosted glass for privacy. A separate water closet accommodates a smart toilet offering many advanced spa features, including a foot warmer, a deodorizer, built-in speakers for playing your choice of music, and a bidet with personal water temperature settings.



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The master suite is also outfitted with a private laundry room and two spacious walk-in closets—one that doubles as a safe room for shelter if needed during storms. In every case, products used in this master suite were carefully selected to meet the most rigorous environmental standards for water savings and energy efficiency.

## Smart Connections

When it comes to smart technology for the home, homeowners have already benefited from the availability of Wi-Fi enabled security cameras that keep watch over their home's premises, smart home thermostats that help them save on home energy costs, and motion sensors that turn lights on and off throughout their homes as needed. However, what has been lacking so far is useful technology for their kitchens and baths, which are typically the most active areas in the home.

In the U.S. more than 500 adults, divided equally between male and female, recently participated in a survey conducted by Field Agent, a mobile research firm. The findings indicated that only 30 percent of those surveyed currently own smart tech for the home, but 81 percent are excited about the idea of updating their kitchens and bathrooms with Wi-Fi enabled appliances or electronics in the future. They primarily look forward to the convenience and safety this technology can bring to their life style. The 2017 Builders' Show introduced several new possibilities that may have met the mark. Here are three examples:



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# FLOATING VANITIES

Beautiful bathrooms by today's standards are those that are simple and serene. But when your life is super hectic, is it even possible to maintain that calm, uncluttered atmosphere in your beautiful bathroom? Yes, provided your cabinetry is designed for organization and ease of maintenance.

Cabinet manufacturers are now offering many organizational solutions in bathroom vanities that help make your morning

routine go much smoother. There are drawer dividers that assist you in arranging your toiletries and makeup so everything is easy to find and put away again. Pull-out drawers may be designed specifically for storing small appliances, like hair dryers and curling irons. Some pull-out drawers feature built-in electrical outlets so you can keep your electric toothbrushes and razors charged and ready for use.

A stylish wall-hung vanity—often called a floating vanity—provides that clean and open look that enhances your sense of tranquility. If your bathroom is small, a floating vanity can make it feel more spacious. A floating vanity can be installed at your preferred height that gives you the most comfortable ergonomic experience as you bend over the sink. In addition, the absence of a cabinet base or furniture legs makes for easier cleaning under a wall-hung vanity.



Photo: Courtesy of GE Appliances (geappliances.com)



Photo: Courtesy of Brinks Home Security (mybrinkshome.com)



Photo: Courtesy of Moen (moen.com)

## Kitchen

- GE Appliances demonstrated their new suite of kitchen appliances that collaborates with Amazon's Alexa and Echo to enable hands-free convenience through voice control. The suite includes refrigerators, dishwashers, wall ovens and ranges, plus laundry and more. You can preheat your oven, find out when your dishwasher cycle will be finished, or make any number of other requests—all with the sound of your voice.

## Entry Door

- Brinks Home Security Array deadbolt is a cloud- and app-based smart lock that uses the home Wi-Fi connection. With the array, homeowners can unlock their doors, provide and manage access

remotely, and view user and battery data four different ways—smartphone, smartwatch, keypad and key. The Array won the Best Indoor Living Product award at the Builders' Show.

## Bath

- Moen presented their U by Moen shower technology, a Wi-Fi/cloud-based digital shower that offers mobile connectivity. It allows you to control your shower preferences through a smartphone app. You can customize everything from time to temperature. If you need to get a little more shut-eye in the morning, you can get the shower going from your bed and it will notify you when it's ready to go.

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Natural daylight floods the bathroom through frosted glass doors, glass block windows in the shower and an octagonal window in the water closet, contributing to both the beauty and safety of the space. The shower features a curbless threshold and a sliding glass door, offering a barrier-free entrance. Inside the shower, grab bars are strategically placed at the bench seat and for standing at the ADA handheld shower or rainhead shower. A radiant heat tile floor system runs throughout the Master Bath and shower.

His-and-her vanities in the master bath feature recessed medicine cabinets and custom cabinetry with rollout storage solutions. Included is a built-in wall mount ironing board. And next to the shower, a Health Mate sauna is custom crafted from Canadian western red cedar and uses infrared radiant heat.

R. Kessenich exclaimed, *"At every stage Atlanta Design & Build listened to our needs, our wants, and what the end stage should be like. They were attentive to what we said and worked with us as partners. In the end, the addition looks like it has always been a part of the house! The design was perfect to imperatively accommodate our art collection."*

*The shower is our favorite part of the project—it is huge with the biggest rain shower we could find. There is also a bench in case you need to sit to bathe. The barn door shower door allows entry for a transport chair, if needed. The crystal chandelier fixture takes the space "elegantly" over the top!"*

See floorplans and more photos of this project on Houzz:  
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