



# KITCHEN FOR ENTERTAINING

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## ATLANTA DESIGN & BUILD WINS THREE COTY AWARDS!

Our Atlanta Design & Build team is thrilled to have received three 2016 Contractor of the Year (CotY) Awards given by NARI Atlanta, the local chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. The awards were presented at the Annual Awards Banquet and Gala held December 13 at the King Plow Arts Center in Atlanta.

The CotY Award is the preeminent award presented each year by NARI Atlanta to its members for outstanding work of the highest quality. We feel extremely honored that our ADB team and these three projects have received such recognition. We also want to thank our wonderful clients for allowing us the privilege of working on their projects.

The NARI CotY projects are divided into 23 different entry categories; ranging from residential interior and exterior renovation projects to commercial projects. A panel of NARI professionals from a Florida chapter completed the judging using specific design and craftsmanship judging criteria.

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Before

*This Master Suite Addition containing Universal Design elements for Aging in Place is accessed via a "hidden door" in the dining room. From custom closets and cabinetry with storage solutions, built-in ironing board, frosted-glass and mirrored by-pass doors, radiant heat sauna, heated tile floor, shower floor, niches and bench to a crystal chandelier, this space is elegantly over the top!*

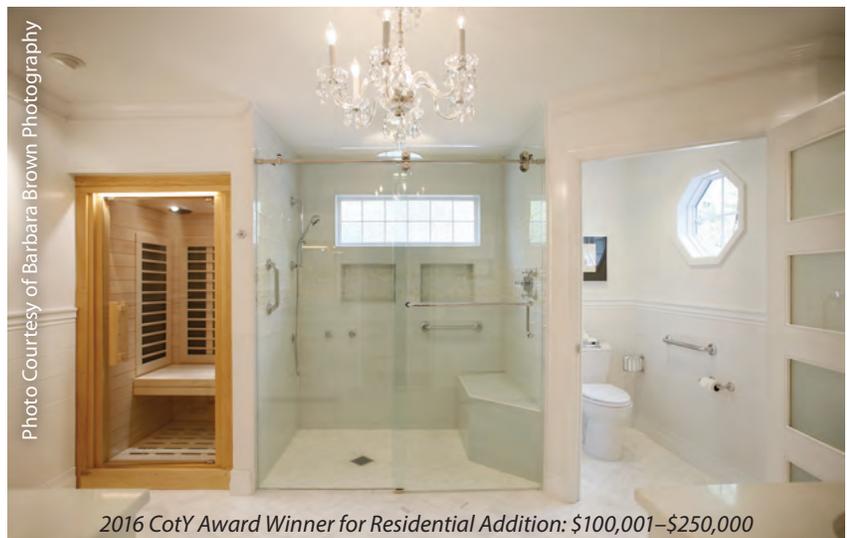


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2016 CotY Award Winner for Residential Addition: \$100,001-\$250,000



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## KITCHEN FOR ENTERTAINING

Would you love to entertain and cook in your kitchen, but the space is not designed to make that possible? Perhaps your kitchen is closed off and too confining for more than one person. First of all, designing a kitchen with an open floor plan that integrates seamlessly with your dining and living areas can help make it the perfect location for get-togethers.

Dividing an open kitchen into multiple work zones—such as food prep, cooking, serving and clean up—makes all kinds of sense for entertaining. Since each zone includes all the equipment necessary for completing specific tasks, it will be easier for others to assist you. Pull-out storage systems help you keep everything organized and accessible within the various zones so your countertops can be more clutter-free. A butler's pantry will conceal those tasks that get a little messy—things you do not want your guests to see. A sink and dishwasher in the butler's pantry permits a quick clean up while the party is still going.

For entertaining large groups you should outfit your kitchen with plenty of heavy duty appliances so you can prepare and serve multiple dishes concurrently. Seriously consider an induction cooktop because of its powerful output and because it adds scant heat to your kitchen. Induction offers a safer environment for guests since the cooktop remains relatively cool to the touch. You could add an Incogneeto induction warmer that instantly turns your kitchen countertop into an extra burner when needed. Install a ventilation system that is appropriate for the size of your cooktop



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so that smoke and grease are cleared from the air before particles attach to the upholstery or your guests' clothing. If your cooktop is located in your island, a downdraft vent that lowers out of sight when not in use offers uninterrupted vistas. Double wall ovens allow you to cook different dishes simultaneously, while a warming drawer keeps food at the proper temperature until you wish to serve it. A sink workstation can transform your island into a convenient buffet. Drinks may be kept on ice at this workstation, or in a separate location you could install a beverage station with a coffeemaker and a combination wine and beer cooler.

Keep traffic and conversation flow in mind as you plan your kitchen gathering space. Your guests should have sufficient room to move around without getting food knocked out of their hands. Allow at least 48 inches for aisle width, which also creates work space for more than one cook. Seating at the island should be across from the work area so you can talk with your friends, but they won't get in your way. You will want optimal task and ambient lighting in the kitchen, but also include accent lighting to help create a pleasant mood. Comfortable soft seating close by will provide even more opportunity for your guests to mingle while they are in the kitchen. Integrating your open kitchen with an outdoor living space helps increase your entertainment space. By utilizing the same styles and finishes in both the indoor and outdoor area, the space will flow smoothly as one.



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# The Power of Touch

## On-Off

You want to wash your hands, since they are full of shaving cream or sticky hair gel. But when you turn on your bathroom faucet, your messy hands leave unsightly marks on the handle!

With the Talis Select by Hansgrohe you no longer need to grasp a handle. This sleek faucet is activated by gently pressing down on a button at the top. Use your wrist, elbow or arm—whichever is your cleanest appendage at the moment. The faucet is available in different heights to provide just the right amount of clearance between it and your sink.

## Open-Close

You have a stack of clean dishes in your hands, ready to deposit into a kitchen drawer. But then you realize you cannot pull the drawer open when your hands are full!

A drawer system from Blum called Tip-On Blumotion makes the impossible possible. Tip-On is a mechanical, not electric, opening support system which lets you simply touch the drawer front to open the drawer. Blumotion softly and silently closes the drawer with a light push. Both work together to enhance the opening and closing of drawers in kitchens and throughout the home.



Photo: Courtesy of Blum (blum.com)

# BARN DOOR TRENDS

Sliding barn doors have become an important trend in residential interior design. One reason for their popularity is the wide variety of textures and colors this type of door can add to a space. A rustic weather-beaten wood barn door brings character to a room because of its authentic patina and rich wood tones. It will provide a striking contrast in a slick, modern setting. A newly minted barn door painted a bright color offers warmth and personality in a traditional interior. Today's barn doors are not limited to wood, either. For a unique look they may be constructed from materials such as metal, fiberglass, and frosted glass. The barn door hanger and track system can be exposed for a more industrial look, or hidden in a fascia for a finished appearance. A



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sliding barn door can be the focal point of any room, making a powerful statement with its unusual design, finish, or hardware.

If you are looking for ways to increase usable space in a room, a sliding barn door is a practical option. A standard hinged door requires eight to ten square feet of floor space to swing open. This is basically wasted space in your home, since nothing else—such as a chair or table—can occupy that same floor space. A barn door uses no floor space, except for the footprint of the door itself as it slides alongside the wall. Keep in mind, however, that a sliding door requires wall space adjacent to the doorway. Furniture may be placed beside the barn door without interfering with the door's operation. In a home with an open floor plan, sliding barn doors can be used to close off separate areas when privacy is desired.

Unlike a pocket door, a sliding barn door is mounted on the outside of the wall. It is an ideal solution for walls constructed of concrete block or brick, or for wood-framed walls containing pipes or wiring.



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Barn Door Trends



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We are proud to have won in the categories of Residential Addition: \$100,001–\$250,000; Residential Kitchen: \$100,001–\$150,000 with team entrant The Counterpoint Group; and Residential Addition: Under \$100,000! Featured in this Spring Newsletter are before and after pictures for each of our 2016 CotY Award winning projects.



L-R: Steven Roberts, Nancy Pergrim, Vicki Wadsworth, H. Dale Contant, Keely Contant, Sydney Contant, Marc Tyson, Tori Ashmore, Bill Brown, and Tracy Brown



Photo Courtesy of Barbara Brown Photography

2016 CotY Award Winner for Residential Addition: Under \$100,000



Before

Removing the exterior load-bearing wall transformed the dark and confined living space of this home. The new Sunroom Addition looks seamless to the rest of the home and appears like it has always been there. The Den and new Sunroom has a spacious floorplan designed to create two distinctly individual spaces. The Sunroom Addition leads to a new beautiful deck that brings the outside in!



Before

This 1990's floorplan provided some openness but segmented rooms had lots of walls and doorways making entertaining difficult. Carrara backsplash, customized cabinetry with special storage solutions and stainless appliances improve this workspace. The kitchen and the entire first floor are now open, spacious and up-to-date perfect for entertaining.



2016 CotY Award Winner for Residential Kitchen: \$100,001–\$150,000 with team entrant The Counterpoint Group

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If you are thinking about a remodeling project for your home, consider working with our ADB team. Winning awards validates our quality of work, but our greatest achievement is transforming your home to enrich your life. We look forward to hearing from you soon.