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BEST ROOM ADDITION, DESIGN

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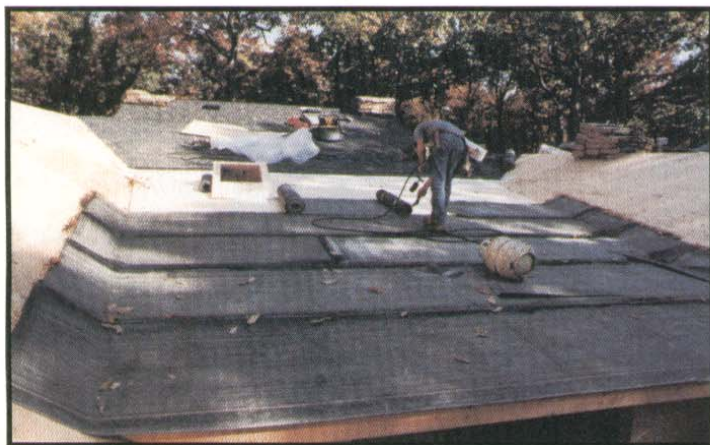
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A 1960's ranch with a full basement was expanded to meet the needs of Monetti's growing family. The design goal was to expand the rear of the home and to create a large Family room, Master Suite, and Master Bathroom, while preserving and not altering the recently remodeled Dining Room, Kitchen and Bedrooms on the main floor. Also, a large, naturally lit Basement Office/Full Bathroom was required in the space beneath the addition.

The challenges of the project were structural and architectural. The desired finish basement height of 8-feet was short 36-inches from the existing basement floor. Thus, the pre-existing footing had to be completely exposed and supported with a large



Shown are the structural supports, and architectural details for making this addition happen.



Architecturally, the challenges included creating a passage from the new Living Room to the Master Suite without a hallway. This was accomplished by the contractor/homeowner by designing a Bluestone courtyard adjacent to the transition area with the interesting and creative idea that they not attempt to hide the reality of the situation -- this was a back door to a 1970s deck. Instead, they decided to accentuate the area by creating the illusion that at one time (theoretically) this was an outside stone porch that had been enclosed.

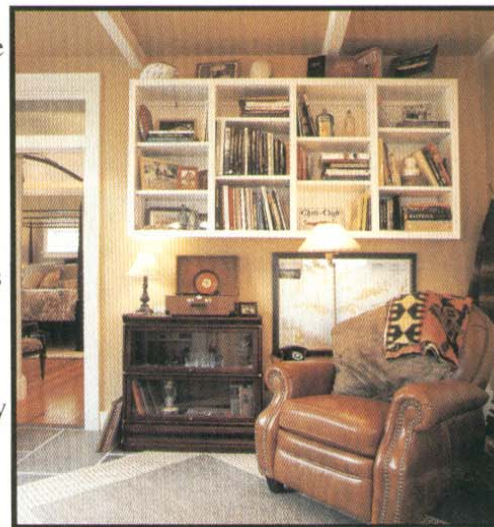
Incorporating an old wood door, Bluestone flooring,

painted brick veneer wall, shutters from an old plantation home (purchased on Ebay), an antique door bell, antique mailbox and a pine flower box, the illusion of an old porch was created. The area is now used as a library.

After designing this section of the transition, the homeowner contractor says he got excited about designing and building the Living Room's quirky columns, beaded pine ceilings, low voltage cable lighting (no recessed here), cute transom windows, copper countertops, wide plank heart pine floors, stone fireplaces, storage cubbies and a belt driven two-blade ceiling fan.

The Master Suite has a Caribbean motif inspired by the homeowner's favorite retreat in the Virgin Islands.

Monetti says the project has been very rewarding -- having accomplished all of his design goals and functional needs. Plus it helped him demonstrate many features of his skills.



AFTER shots of the new addition show the work on the project was well worth the effort.

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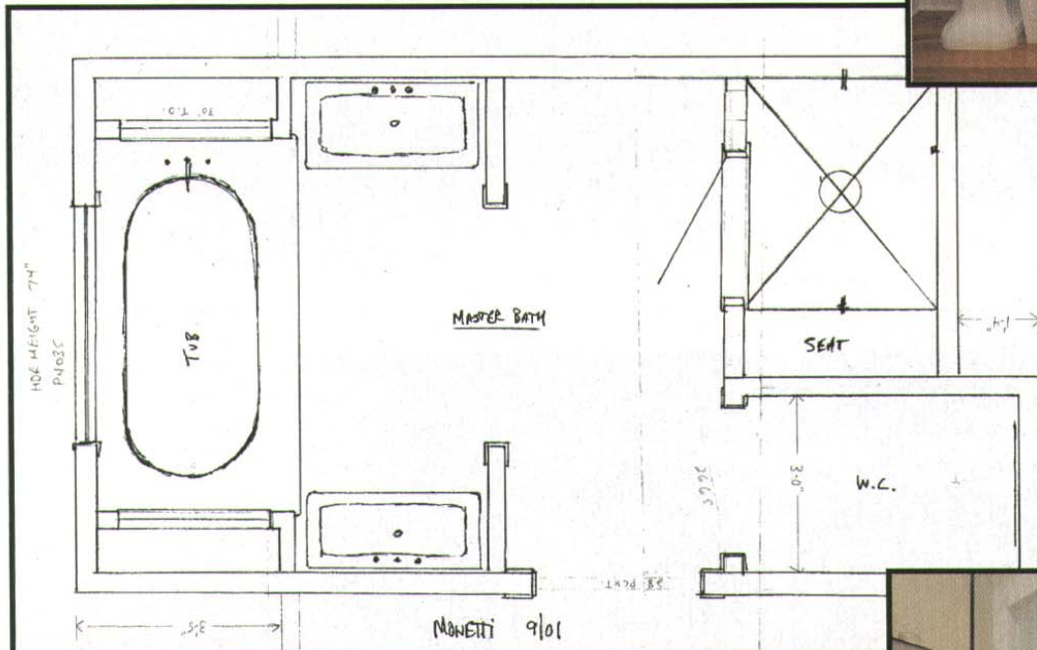
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The bathroom incorporated into the Best Room Addition, Design winner is also a design winner in its own category. The Master Bathroom in the Monetti home features a large 4 X 6 steam shower complete with waterproof speakers — with very accessible volume control. The “Fresnel Lighting,” acid etched marble tub platform, feature slabs, built-in cabinetry and bead board finish this “retreat” area.

The design elements add aesthetics, but the layout of this bathroom make it easy to use, spacious, and contemporary. Using “furniture” style cabinetry and pedestal sinks open the floor plan, yet provide enough storage space for the family needs. This is well-thought-out, with

accessories placed conveniently, such as towel bars and rings. The homeowner/contractor has proven his design and carpenter skills in this room. Notice on the previous page, in the



bedroom photo, the doors leading to the Master Bathroom. The transom and lites in the doors allow for extra natural light, as well as the window over the tub. Black marble used in the floor of the shower, rim of the tub pedestal and mirror frames pull this together. Every detail has been thought out and well executed.





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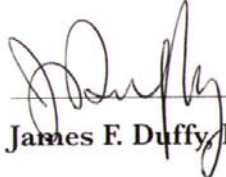
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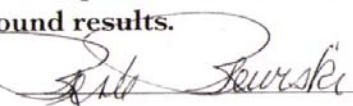
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