



One of the most captivating aspects of a well-designed home is the fine array of decorative finishings in the interior spaces. From the more common trim elements to some very innovative wall and ceiling treatments—these architectural details give a home its character and interest. In fact, it is attention to those details that will distinguish your home from the basic box.

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## World's Best No-Bean Chili

Recipes from  
Erich's Kitchen

As promised, here is the World's Best No-Bean Chili. I got this recipe from Ken Miller many years ago and have doctored it, like all my other recipes, to make it mine.

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. beef sirloin cut in cubes
- 1 lb. link sausage cut in rounds
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 medium green pepper, diced
- 1 stalk of celery diced
- 1 clove of garlic minced
- 5 chili peppers – 1 of each: Anaheim, Serrano, Pablano, Jalapeno, Fresno. These are to be fire roasted, then processed
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons chili powder (add more to taste if desired)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 29 oz. can stewed tomatoes
- 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 12 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- ¼ cup honey

### Directions

Brown the ground beef in a frying pan. Add a little salt and pepper while browning. On a grill or smoker, cook the link sausage and the sirloin steak until brown. After these meats are done cut the steak into 1" cubes and the link sausage into bean-size pieces.

While the grill is out, smoke the chili peppers. When the chili peppers turn brown on all sides, remove them from the grill and let them cool. Remove the stems and chop them up real fine. You could put the peppers in a food processor to chop them up and save yourself a few tears. Keep in mind the type of pepper you use will determine the heat of the chili. You can also control the spiciness by how much of the smoked peppers you use. Season the chili to your taste.

Put all the ingredients in a pot. Bring it to a boil and let it simmer for an hour. The chili tastes better the second day or even better after freezing.

**Bon Apetit. ■**



# All the Trim

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Take a few minutes to thoughtfully assess your home's interior. Perhaps your furnishings and accessories are attractive, but still somehow the rooms feel ordinary and uninspired. The addition of decorative finishings may be exactly what is needed to enliven and personalize the spaces.

Baseboards, plus door and window casings are some of the more common molding profiles found in homes today. Try to envision what your home's interior could be like if more elaborate decorative trim were added to the walls or to the doors. For example, with the addition of plinth blocks at the bottom and rosettes at the top, a simple door casing becomes an elegant detail of your home.

Consider the following trim possibilities to add depth and richness to your home's interiors: crown molding, chair rail, wainscot, picture rail, plate rail, a trim line at the top of the windows, or a ceiling medallion. You can create additional design elements by combining

two or more molding pieces. These complex designs, or build-ups, allow for more ornate and personalized designs. Molding may be used for non-traditional applications as well.

If your home is modern or contemporary style, intricate moldings may be abandoned in favor of a simple reveal—often referred to as "negative trim." If you do wish to use trim, it should be rectilinear and minimalistic in appearance. However, texture is important in a contemporary home, and frequently trim materials are used to create intriguing wall and ceiling treatments.

There are a wide variety of trim styles to match the décor of your home, as well as your taste. Once you determine the architectural style of your home—whether Colonial, Craftsman, Contemporary or any one of a number of distinct styles—it will be easier to know which type of finishing materials to choose. You will want to create continuity throughout your home. ■



Photos: Courtesy of Metrie (www.metrie.com)

Painted moldings and rosettes create an elegant ceiling with a French Provincial feel.



This clever accessory wall is made from Metrie French Curves moldings.

## New Product Introductions

True's wine storage units offer interior LED lighting with 14 different designer colors.



Photo: Courtesy of True (www.true-residential.com)

# Keep your Cool

According to current research by the Wine Market Council, Americans are finding more reasons to celebrate with a bottle of wine these days. We are living in one of the greatest eras in wine history, when a wider variety of wines are more easily available than ever before, and from a greater number of locations throughout the world.

If you enjoy serving wine at home, installing refrigerated wine cabinets in the kitchen or dining areas of your home



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*Fantech's remote mounted inline ventilation fans are quiet and efficient.*

a delay timer allows you to set a length of time for the fan to continue running after you exit the bathroom. Certain fans have a humidity sensor that activates the fan automatically when it detects a rapid increase in humidity, and then turns it off again once the excess moisture is exhausted. There are also multi-speed models that operate continuously at lower cfm levels to provide whole house ventilation, but then switch to higher cfm levels when a motion detector senses someone entering the bathroom.

## It's Exhausting

As you envision your new master bath retreat, undoubtedly you are not picturing mold and mildew stains all over your beautiful tile. However, it is important to realize that a bathroom is a wet environment, with faucets flowing, toilets flushing, and moisture continually in the air. These conditions create the perfect environment for mold and mildew to thrive, damaging your bathroom finishes and even causing health problems.

The most effective way to remove moisture is by installing an exhaust fan that is ducted to the outside. The Home Ventilating Institute (HVI) offers guidelines for determining which size ventilation unit(s) should be installed in a bathroom. The decision is based on the unit's cubic foot per minute (cfm) airflow rating, the bathroom's square footage, and the number of moisture-generating fixtures installed. Your large master bath may require more than one fan—perhaps one in the shower and one over the toilet. Another option is an inline fan system that utilizes a remote-mount motor connected to several ceiling grills positioned throughout your bathroom.

Simply installing an exhaust fan will not help unless you use it and keep it running for an effective length of time. To completely remove all excess moisture, HVI suggests operating the fan at least 20-30 minutes after you finish using the bathroom. Installing a fan with

For quiet operation, check the fan's sone rating—a measurement of how the human ear registers the loudness of the fan. A high-quality fan with a sone rating of 1.0 or less is barely audible, while an inexpensive fan with a sone rating of 4 will sound similar to human speech. With a remote-mount fan, the sound is muted by the distance, allowing higher cfm if necessary.

Bathroom fans are available in a wide variety of styles—some offer the look of simple recessed lights, while others serve as decorative light fixtures, featuring glass globes and stylish finishes. Some fans have heating features, while others include supplemental lighting. When selecting your fan, look for those that are Energy Star-qualified, which means they excel at level of performance, energy savings, and quiet operation.



*WhisperGreen Select fan/light offers options to fit your application: delay timer, humidity sensor, or motion sensor.*



Photos: Courtesy of Panasonic ([www.panasonic.com](http://www.panasonic.com))

offers tremendous convenience and protection for your wine collection. Wine's enemies are heat, vibration, and light. A quality wine cabinet will have precise temperature and humidity controls, and will typically offer more than one independent climate zone so your reds and whites may be stored at their optimum temperatures. The wine racks should glide out smoothly, guarding against any agitation. If you prefer a glass cabinet door, look for

double pane, Low-E, UV tinted glass to protect your wine from harmful light. Interior lighting should be designed to gently illuminate the cabinet contents.

Wine cabinets are available in a wide variety of capacities and configurations, from undercounter models, to freestanding units. Some strictly offer wine storage, while others include refrigerated storage for your other favorite beverages.

Sub-Zero's 424 compact wine storage unit stores up to 46 bottles.



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# Remodeling Designs' New Marketing Strategies

The remodeling industry has seen some major changes in the past few years for many different reasons. The biggest impact? The internet. We have found that the internet is changing our business from a sales standpoint, the way we market our business, and also the way we produce jobs. The internet has also changed the typical remodeling client. Homeowners are doing research for their upcoming remodeling projects on the internet and they are also finding the contractor they want to design and construct their project. It's a challenge to keep up with the ever-changing digital world, but Remodeling Designs is taking that challenge head on.

The internet has changed homeowner's information gathering stage to be instantaneous. Many people in the past have cut out pictures and articles from newspapers and magazine to gather ideas. Homeshows, tradeshow and Home-A-Rama's were well attended, helping homeowners to familiarize themselves with products that were trending. No longer do homeowners have to wait for that magazine article to be published or the Homeshows to come to town once a year. Now with websites like Houzz.com, homeowners can get ideas for any interior or exterior project with the click of a button. Pictures, blogs, "DIY articles", etc. are now all right at your fingertips. You can **check out our Houzz profile** at [www.houzz.com/pro/remdes/remodeling-designs-inc](http://www.houzz.com/pro/remdes/remodeling-designs-inc).

Because the internet has proven to be so powerful, Remodeling Designs has decided to change a few marketing

strategies for 2015. We are very excited about these changes and want to keep our past, present, and future clients informed about what is happening with our company. As with all major changes, we also want to alleviate any confusion that might occur. The first change we will be making is to not participate in any of the local Homeshows this upcoming year. Another change that will take place is that we will not be advertising in any local print magazines. These changes reflect the success we've had in 2014.

**Remodeling Designs'** most exciting announcement is the launch of our new website this month. We have given our site a fresh new look with exciting new project

photographs for your viewing pleasure. You can now view and maneuver our site on all your mobile devices with ease. We'd love to hear your feedback, so please check it out at [removingdesigns.com](http://removingdesigns.com)

Remodeling Designs is always looking for ways to improve our client's lives and our company. Our new strategic marketing plan is just one way we are working to improve our client's experience. We'd like to thank each and every one of you for your business in the past and look forward to continuing our relationship into 2015 and beyond. ■



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