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*Sunshine at Cloud Nine
Alpine Bistro on Aspen
Highlands.*





BEFORE & AFTER: Recent interior remodel by Robyn Scott Interiors shows transformation of bathroom (above) and residence entry (below).



Modern, Green, or In-Between

Teardowns are so last-decade. In today's market, remodels are hot.

WHETHER IT'S FOR energy efficiency, a new look, or added value, spring remodeling is in the air.

"We always see more remodels in an economic downturn," says Chris Nolan, project manager at Jack Wilke Builder. "Rather than investing in a newer home, people are keeping projects small and staying in existing homes. Clients are improving or adding to what they have, for a higher-level standard of living."


According to the National Association of Home Builders, remodeling is an ideal way to add more space, make interior upgrades, customize a floor plan, improve energy efficiency, enhance curb appeal, and add overall value. Even smaller improvements, such as adding a splash of color and artwork to walls, make a big impact.

"I use the unique approach of 'artitecture' in all design elements," says interior designer Robyn Scott. "Especially when

it comes to spring remodels, I recommend clients implement new artwork to give an eclectic and fresh look." Scott loves working with local artists like Allison Stewart (at David Floria Gallery) and Barbara Sorensen (at Harvey Meadows Gallery).

Aside from economic factors, there is less land available in the Aspen area, says Steve Hansen of Hansen Construction, making remodels even more popular. According to Brian Beazley of David Johnston Architects, this is especially true for places such as Snowmass Village, where many

homes that currently exist are ready for a new look.

"Snowmass Village is a hotbed of opportunity for remodels," he says. "There's a variety of unique styles of architecture there that can benefit from the introduction of modern materials, detailing, and technology — creating an up-to-date living environment." 

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