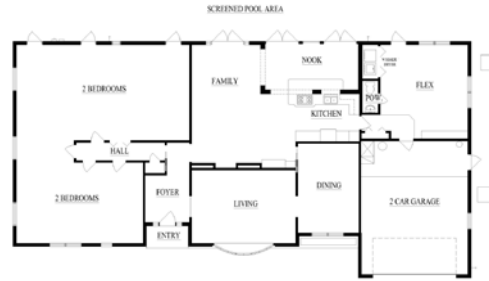


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Before



After

Designing a Space Where Family can Function Together

SPRING IS A GREAT TIME OF YEAR TO THINK ABOUT THE RE-DESIGN OF A HOME. The average time span is about 18 months from when an owner begins to think about remodeling until they actually act upon it. With our current economic conditions, there is no better time to act!

The home featured is a charming 1970's ranch home. It contains four bedrooms and a Flex-Room, as well as the typical rooms with the living area (Kitchen, Family Room, Living Room, Dining Room and Breakfast Nook). As I have stated before, many of the families that we design for are forfeiting the formal rooms that are infrequently used and choosing to have more open, usable spaces. As illustrated in the "After Floor Plan," we removed the interior walls in the living area and created a large Great Room.

The old Living Room had a beautiful bowed window with a built-in seat. We thought it would make a lovely sitting area within a kitchen for children or guests. By placing the kitchen on the front of the house, it could remain open and have a view to the front and rear yards. The kitchen boasts a very large preparation island and a sink island with a snack bar. The refrigerator and ovens are built-in as is the door to the pantry while the Laundry Room includes a desk for managing the family's schedules.

The traffic flow through the home was greatly improved by creating a corridor from the Garage to the bedrooms that does not pass through the middle of the kitchen. In the new plan, every square foot of the home is used. The homeowner says her favorite feature of the renovated space is that the entire family can be together when they are home verses everyone being off in their own private spaces!



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