



HOME SWEET HOME > After contemplating a move, Sue and Jim Edberg decided to stay put in their Woodbury home of 12 years, and opted instead for a stunning remodel.

Fresh Perspective

When it comes to remodeling, even small changes can make a big difference.

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JASON FABIO, PRESIDENT OF THE DESIGN/BUILD/REMODEL FIRM ISPIRI, STILL DOES HIS SHARE OF WHOLE-HOUSE PROJECTS. But more often these days, homeowners are coming to his firm for smaller upgrades that give them the functionality, or fresh look, they want for a more affordable price. "Even small, cosmetic changes like painting walls or upgrading woodwork around windows and doors can make a big difference," Fabio says, adding that these kinds of upgrades help houses look less dated and thus, more marketable.

To show the significant difference these types of changes can make in a home, Fabio points to a recent project for which Ispiri won a 2008 Contractor of the Year (COTY) award for residential interiors costing less than \$150,000. While Ispiri remodeled the entire first level of the Woodbury home to create a more open floor plan, Fabio points to several separate elements that could easily have been done on their own with great success.