

Diary of a Kitchen Remodel

– The Gruelle Family –

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One way to look at a business is through the eyes of their customer. We met with a family recently who had their kitchen designed and supplied by W. Stephens Cabinetry. Here is an inside look at their experience and how they ended up with the kitchen of their dreams.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S THE RIGHT TIME?

"When we moved in, everything was original. It needed to be updated and we were ready to make the house our own," Denise Gruelle shared. "We were looking for a more modern touch and more openness."

WHAT WERE SOME OF THE DRIVING FACTORS?

"We had a larger family now," Jeremy Gruelle said, "and when we had people over, everybody couldn't be in the same room. There are five of us and now we can all sit at the island."

HOW DID YOU DECIDE WHICH COMPANY TO WORK WITH?

"We looked at a couple of places, as you should," Denise said. "W. Stephens was referred to us from a friend who was an architect. We met with them in June. We really loved what they were doing, and they were willing to work with us to do what we wanted. Within a couple of weeks, we signed off on everything."

WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE W. STEPHENS CABINETRY AND DESIGN?

"We used them for their great ideas, their great designs, their awesome products and then we did the work, actually, Jeremy did the work," laughed Denise.



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"I did all the work from beginning to end in terms of opening the walls, hanging the drywall and the cabinets, and installing lighting and electric, Jeremy shared. "W. Stephens later came in and installed the quartz countertops."

HOW DID THE PROCESS GO FOR YOU?

"Our designer was Callie Towles. She was great, very polite, and willing to work with us," Jeremy said, "and within our budget. She also gave us several options to go with." Denise added, "She even re-drew the plans a couple of times for us, to get it just right."

Jeremy said, "In the end, everything came in on schedule and on time. They worked with us to get all the details right."

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT YOUR NEW KITCHEN?

I love the flow when we are cooking, Jeremy said. "All the storage for our pots and pans under the island makes it easy to reach everything." Denise chimed in, "We also put everything in the island so the kids can reach them. I want them to be able to enjoy the kitchen too and now they can even help out."

For more views of this remodel and others, visit W.Stephens.com. If you want ideas on how to start building the kitchen of your dreams, contact any of the designers at W. Stephens Cabinetry at 859-331-8100 or visit their showroom at 2497 Dixie Highway in Ft. Mitchell.

