ADDING SQUARE FOOTAGE

hen Mark and Cindy Ziegler decided to stay in their 1950s bungalow on Davis Islands, in Tampa, FL, they also decide they would like a little more space. While the two-bedroom, one-bath, 1,200-square-foot home Mark purchased about 20 years ago was comfortable for him, Cindy and their dog, they could see it had a lot of potential. To make the home a better fit for their needs and lifestyle they envisioned a master suite, a guest bedroom, guest bath, and a room to entertain.

The existing home included a detached carport and a screened-in covered porch on the rear. Realizing that the carport and screened porch where rarely used for more then collecting clutter, it was decide these two areas would go. Considering the limited square footage of the property, they decided this would be the perfect area to add the new space. "We knew we'd have to sacrifice the carport, but we thought that in the long run it would definitely be worth it and would much better fit our needs," Cindy said. The existing carport also housed the

washer and dryer, which Cindy wanted inside the home.

A two-phase approach was designed. First, the additional square footage on to the rear of the house would include the guest bedroom, guest bath and family room. The second phase would be the master suite with walk in closets and a roomy master bath.

FINDING THE RIGHT REMODELER

They contacted an area architect who provided them with ideas and plans. They researched several area remodelers and asked them each to review the plans and space, and submit cost estimates for the project.

Doug King, Co-Owner of West Coast Remodelers & Construction, in Tampa, FL, was one of the companies that they looked into as well. "We researched about three to four companies," Cindy said. "They all submitted estimates and we got several ideas and quotes for the project. Doug's quote was very competitive and he really listened to what we wanted out of the remodel. So, we decid-

ed to go with West Coast Remodelers & Construction."

"We had several meetings with them to determine what they were looking to accomplish, this way the project should flow smoothly," Doug said. "Our policy is to utilize written agreements on even the smallest of details. This ensures that we are able to build a great room addition and every one is happy when it is completed."

FROM START TO FINISH

The new guest bedroom includes two spacious closets; a pair of art deco glass block windows and has hardwood floors, which were matched up with the existing hardwood floors throughout the rest of the home. The new guest bathroom includes an area for the washer and dryer (Cindy's favorite part), a frameless glass, walk-in shower and a beautiful natural stone top on a custom vanity. The new family room has 18-inch mottled earth tone tiles and boasts warm eggplant-colored walls. The room is finished off on one side with space saving sliding glass pocket doors (West Coast's recommendation) into the



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dining room and a beautiful 8-foot wide Pella sliding glass door with integrated blind system leading out to the backyard.

STAYED WITHIN BUDGET

It was important to Cindy and Mark that they stayed within their budget and Doug and West Coast Remodelers made this a priority throughout the remodel.

"Doug and Larry came up with some wonderful ideas and helped us stay within our budget," Cindy said. "They would see what we liked and didn't like and came up with some very cost effective alternatives that worked within the space we had."

"One of the things that we pride ourselves on at West Coast Remodelers & Construction is that the price we quote is THE price," Doug said. "Nothing changes unless the owner requests a change or if unknowns are uncovered during the process."

HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS

According to Cindy, they are extremely happy with the remodeling project. "Everything turned out very well. Now I'm excited to move forward with the next project-the creation of the new master suite. Doug and Larry did a great job and were very professional to work with. They were very responsive and did a great job of staying within our budget and keeping the project moving forward on a timely basis."

Slated to begin in August, the new project will convert the original two bedrooms and outdated 5' by 7' bathroom into a master suite which will include a bathroom with a walk-in shower, soaker tub, his and her vanities and lots of closet space. "They did such a great job on the phase one of our remodeling, that we are using them for the next project as well!"

"My business partner, Larry Russell, managed the project on a daily basis and I was always in contact with the project and would offer input as needed or requested. In the end we were all happy with the outcome."

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