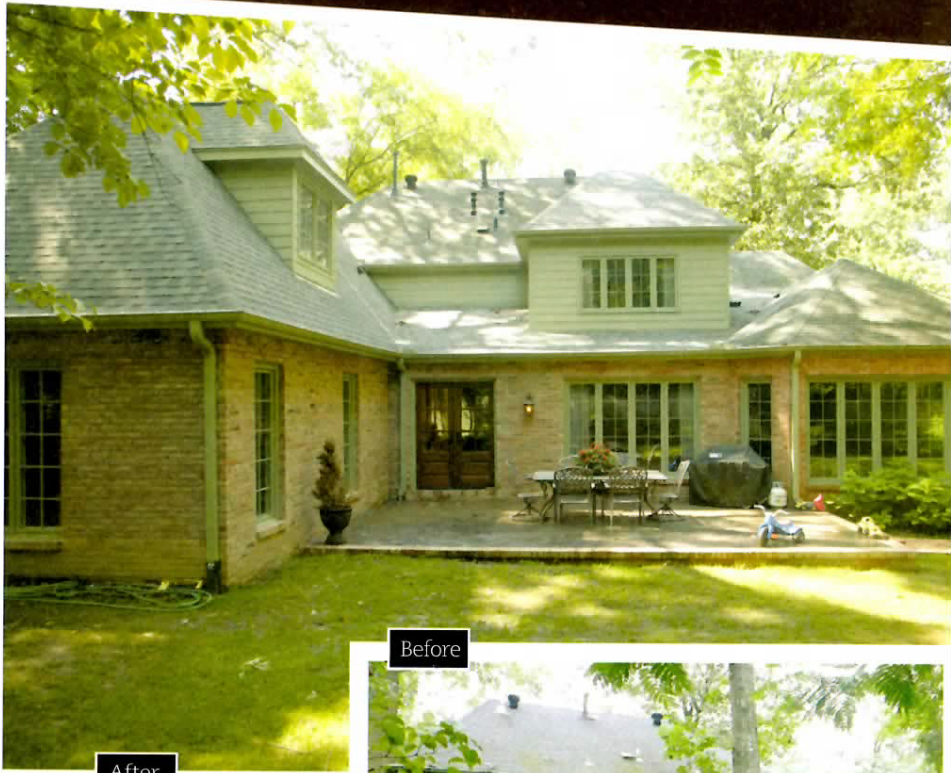




Making ROOM

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Steve and Jeni McBride knew their Germantown home was the perfect house for them, but with their fourth child on the way it was undeniable: they needed more space. They considered buying a new house and even looked around, but nothing compared to their current home, so the couple decided to renovate.



After



Before



After

McBride Children: John, 10; Katie, 9; Ben, 5; Will, 1

“We knew we wanted to stay,” Jeni says. “We love our neighborhood, the trees, the location. We were in love with this house before we bought it.”

To make the house more suitable to their growing family, their builder, Tim Disalvo, developed a plan to add square footage onto the back of their house. The addition included a new master bedroom and bathroom, a play room upstairs, and extended the kitchen and breakfast area.

It was important that the transformation not be disharmonious with the rest of the house, so Disalvo took steps to make the flow seamless, like matching the original hardwood floor.

Being a first remodel for the family, Jeni made sure to do her homework. She looked at newly constructed homes and took pictures of the elements she liked. She even sketched the bookcase in their new gallery.



Before

“Having never done this before, I thought there were one or two options, but there are hundreds,” Jeni says. She advises any homeowners considering a remodel to save time by knowing exactly what they want.

Their youngest child, Will, was born shortly before the job was finished. Now the family has more breathing room, and, Jeni maintains, you’d never know it was a remodel.

“We wanted it to look like it was part of the house,” she says. “I feel like it’s always been here.” ☒