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Rich and Pam were looking to downsize and had a few specifics in mind that they wanted their new home to have – an open floor plan, space to entertain, and a first-floor owner’s suite. Having had business dealings with the Metzler family since the early ‘80s, they felt very comfortable having Metzler Home Builders undertake the construction of their new home.

Jordan Metzler worked with the homeowners to come up with a plan that suited their needs. The final product was a stunning 3,600 square foot natural stone home with 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths in a beautiful new subdivision in Lancaster County. Beyond the fabulous mahogany double front entry doors lies the spacious great room with a vaulted ceiling. The large windows and high ceiling

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provide lots of natural light. This is Rich and Pam’s favorite room in their home. They love the stone fireplace surrounded by custom built-in cabinetry. LED lighting was placed in the cabinets and with the fireplace on, the overhead lights dimmed, and the LED lights on, the room takes on a warm, homey feel.

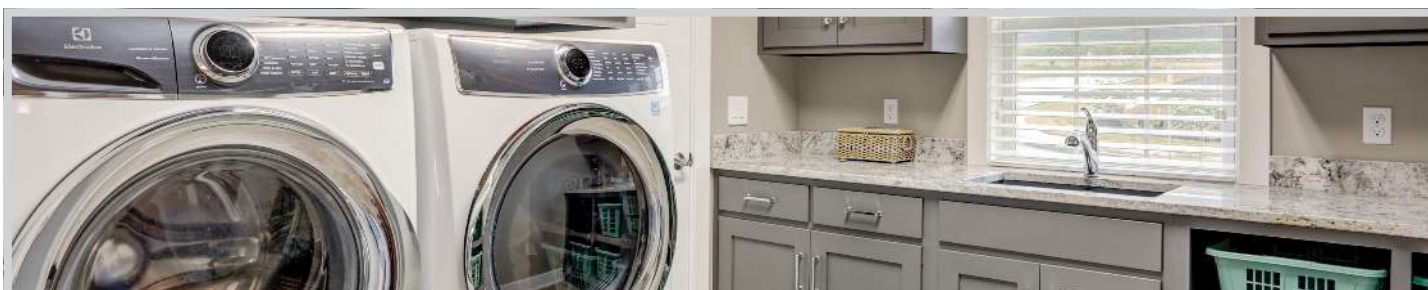
The gorgeous cabinetry, supplied by Conestoga Country Kitchens, is both beautiful and practical. The light, airy feel of the family room flows into the kitchen with its white painted maple cabinets and light gray island. Special features of the kitchen include a double wall oven, a bar sink, and a beverage refrigerator. An 8.5’ x 10’ pantry gives plenty of room to house a freezer and an extra refrigerator.

The first-floor owner’s suite features a linear fireplace, his and hers walk-in-closets, a soaking tub, and walk-in shower in the owner’s bath.

Other special features of the home include a large office for those work-from-home days, a laundry with built-in cabinets for lots of storage, and a beautiful loft area overlooking the great room. A screened porch on the rear of the home provides a perfect spot to entertain during warm weather months.

Rich and Pam are delighted with their new home. “In addition to being quality builders, the entire Metzler group is a quality group to work with,” stated Rich. “We have built and renovated quite a few homes and know there are always things that can go off track. This happened infrequently with Metzler’s, but when it did, they always came up with a good solution to the issue!”

Metzler Home Builders is grateful to have had the opportunity to build a beautiful new home for Rich and Pam, and to continue the relationship we have had with them over the past number of decades.



“MUST DO” PROJECTS FOR DECEMBER

1. Buy an Appliance – With next year’s models now available, stores will want to purge their older stock. That means you can shop smart and get a deal on an older, but perfectly good, model. You may find even steeper discounts on off-season appliances like air conditioners or gas grills.
2. Snow Safety – As snow falls across the country, make sure you are up to date on the safest way to shovel snow. You can eliminate muscle strain and injury by choosing a good shovel, stretching before you work, and pushing the snow across your sidewalks and driveways – not lifting it. It’s also a good idea to take breaks every 15 minutes so you don’t get overworked.
3. Holiday Lights Safety – If your house isn’t twinkling with bright holiday lights just yet, make sure to install them safely when you do. Work with a partner if possible, or use an extension pole to reach to the roof and keep your feet planted on the ground. Remember to plug outdoor lights into circuits protected by ground-fault interrupters (GFCIs) for electrical safety.
4. Safe Holiday Vacation – There’s a slight uptick in home burglaries around the holidays, so take precautions if you plan to travel. Call the post office to hold your mail, and ask a neighbor or friend to park in your driveway or even shovel your walk while you’re away. You may want to install one of the many high-tech security gadgets now on the market to monitor your home while you’re out of town.
5. Space Heaters – Warm up a garage workshop or basement rec room with a space heater or two. It’s less expensive than directing forced air to seldom-used spaces, plus it makes work and leisure more enjoyable during winter.
6. Change Furnace Filter – This monthly chore takes mere minutes, but changing the furnace filter is one of the most important things you can do for your own comfort and the life of your furnace. Set a reminder on your calendar or phone – or change them when the electricity bill arrives each month.
7. Deodorize Your Home – Many families have guests on the way this month, so it’s important to keep your home smelling fresh. Replace baking soda in the fridge or freezer, decorate with fragrant evergreen branches, or invest in an air purifier with a HEPA filter to remove impurities – like mold and dust – from the air.
8. Wood Furniture Care – Chances are your home interior is much drier in winter than in warm summer months – and that takes its toll on wood furniture, which can dry and crack. Oil cleaners can protect wood furniture by making it more slippery, but it won’t hydrate below the finish. Instead, care for your wood furniture by running a humidifier.
9. Choose a Tree – Shopping for a tree this month? Choose wisely. To make sure your tree is fresh, pull at the branches a bit before you buy. If the needles fall easily, try a different tree more likely to last longer indoors.

Source: www.bobvila.com

DIY SNOWY MASON JARS

Bring some holiday cheer into your home with this easy-to-make craft. These snowy mason jars are perfect for decorating your mantle, dining table or front porch!

SUPPLIES:

- Mason Jars
- Tacky Glue
- Epsom Salt
- Clear Glitter
- Greenery and Twine
- Flameless Tea Lights

STEP 1: Combine 1 cup of Epsom salt with a tablespoon of glitter in a disposable plate or bowl. Depending on how many jars you plan to make, you may need more.

STEP 2: Apply a layer of glue around the mason jar. Be careful not to layer it on too thick or the glue will start to drip once the Epsom salt is applied.

STEP 3: Sprinkle the glitter Epsom salt around the jar until evenly covered. Place the jars on a cleanable surface or paper in case glue drips down while drying. Allow the jars to dry for several hours, preferably overnight.

STEP 4: Cut a small piece of faux greenery and use a dot of hot glue to adhere to the top of the jar. You can find holiday greenery at most craft stores this time of year. You can even add fresh greenery from your yard. Then wrap twine around the mouth of the jar a few times and tie off with a bow. Add a flickering light to create luminaries for your holiday décor.



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Warmest Wishes to All for a Wonderful Holiday Season!

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