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MANY ST. LOUISANS NOW WORKING FROM HOME

have had time to look around their houses and notice spaces that need updating. The owners of this Creve Coeur home decided to modernize their kitchen by introducing some bold contrast, and they asked Liston Design Build to step in and help their vision take shape.

"Our typical clients are those who love where they live but need to make changes because their rooms have become tired or outdated," says co-owner Jeanne Liston. "The owners of this home have a growing family, so it was important to make some kitchen updates. For example, they needed to move the cooktop off the center island so more people could sit and eat together."

The kitchen's previous look included brown tones, but the owners decided on a bold white and charcoal scheme to replace it. Liston says the owners had always liked the idea of white in their kitchen, but they didn't want too much of it, so they worked with the company to create a pleasing balance between light and dark. "Our client said she had always wanted a professional Wolf range for her 'forever kitchen,' so we added that," she notes. "She also wanted marble countertops for a classic, elegant look." The Liston team was able to provide a variety of options and finishes so the client's dream cooking environment could become a reality. They also added beautiful hardwood floors to flow seamlessly with the flooring in adjoining spaces. "It's a classic look that will last," Liston says.

Remodels like this are made easy and efficient by Liston Design Build, a 36-year-old company in its third generation of family ownership. The business is set up to provide convenient turnkey service, from initial planning and design to construction and finishing. Liston says working with one company for design and construction makes the process easier because it eliminates the need to juggle different providers, and it keeps everyone on the same page during each phase of the project. She says the company can connect with clients by videoconference to consult about the design process and any questions they have along the way. "Many clients are realizing there are rooms they need to repurpose, like turning play space into a home office," she notes. "We enjoy helping them bring their ideas to life."

Liston adds that the company is particularly sensitive to safety concerns, especially since most families have to be at home during their renovation projects. "We have put a lot of thought into our procedures and are keeping the appropriate amount of space between individuals while each remodel is under way," she notes. "We also use wash stations, air filtration systems and other precautions to keep everyone safe."

Liston says working virtually with clients has proven to be a real benefit, and the company has fine-tuned its online consultation process to serve them efficiently. "We make the experience easy and enjoyable," she notes. "People love being able to choose cabinets, countertops and flooring from the comfort of their homes. With more than three decades of experience, we know how to make our clients happy, from the first drawings to the finishing touches."