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## ASIAN MODERN: PAIRING PASSION WITH DESIGN

*"I spent the early years of my life traveling throughout Asia, collecting art along the way ... Thank you for taking the time to listen, study, and incorporate ideas from our discussions and from our art into the remodel." - Jake DeWoskin, Homeowner, West Lakeland*

DiGiacomo Homes was invited to remake the main floor of a 1970s rambler earlier this year (kitchen, family room, dining room, master suite). During design discussions and visits, we learned that our client was born in Japan, grew up traveling throughout Asia, and carefully to amassed an art collection that is absolutely stunning. What we noticed during our visits to our client's home, however, was that the art pieces - stone sculptures, Chinese scrolls, Japanese lacquer jewelry boxes - simply went unappreciated in the rustic rambler decor. Consequently, when asked to remake the main level we proposed a modern, museum-type decor that would allow our client to show off his collection in the newly remade kitchen, family room, and master suite. It wasn't long before we began referring to the project in-house as the "Asian Modern."

Our Asian Modern design involved reconfiguring spaces, cleaning up the existing architecture, and introducing new finishes. In the photos below you'll notice a mix of modern and Far East elements: simple clean lines, large cabinet blocks, natural finishes (e.g., stone counters, grasscloth wallpaper, rattan pendants), black trim, and minimal furnishings.

One of our favorite design pieces is the custom floating cabinet (made from vertical grain white oak) in the master hall (middle photo). The cabinet adds function to an otherwise traditional Japanese "tokonoma" niche which are traditionally intended to display scrolls and other objects. We love the simplicity of the space, the use of an otherwise "dead" hallway, and the story this space now tells.



Visit our [HOUZZ](#) site to view more photos from the [Asian Modern](#) project. [Contact us](#) when you're ready to remodel, refinish and/or refurnish your own home. We look forward to hearing from you!

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