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# Houston Renovator

## Project Re Do

Two total home renovations in West U and Meyerland

### Project #1 West University Renovation by Jeanine Nuzzi

This project was a complete renovation. It started as a one story originally and we added a second story. They wanted the exterior of the home to keep with the traditional look of the other homes in the neighborhood. The goal for the interior was a sleek modern European feel. Marisa Janusz with Janusz Design did the building design and was able to capture the feel quite well. Gabriel Home Builders did the renovations.

Part of the owner's vision was to have a kitchen with European high gloss cabinets. When they started pricing the project, the cost for that type of cabinet was increasing the cost of the project beyond their budget. In order to help keep the owner within the budget, they decided to settle on a sleek job built cabinet with a high gloss lacquer finish. However, the thought of the European cabinet was always on the top of their wish list. The goal for our clients was to help get them what they want while maintaining a budget. I approached Cheryl Carpenter, who is the general manager and designer with Poggenpohl. The timing could not have been better. Poggenpohl had just come out with a value line of high gloss laminate that was a little less expensive, but would meet their needs. We made a few adjustments in design details and were able to get the owner the kitchen they wanted with just a small increase in cost. In the kids room, where they wanted similar cabinet finishes we were able to use wood and a high gloss paint to further offset costs.

"Gabriel Home Builders did an extensive remodel project on our home in West U. We completely renovated the existing one story home, and we added a second story. Whenever issues arose (and you will inevitably have issues come up when you are remodeling a house built in 1945!), Jeannine and Brad always had solutions and options ready for us to discuss and consider.

Before embarking on this big project, I had always heard how stressful remodeling or building a new house can be." West U resident. For more go to [www.gabrielhomebuilders.com](http://www.gabrielhomebuilders.com)

