

# The Heart of the Home

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Photo, left page and this page: View of the custom kitchen designed for Kevin and Lauren Bealko by Trudy Anderson of Fairmont Kitchen Center.

For many of us, the kitchen is the most loved, used, and necessary room in the house. The center of family gatherings, fun activities (Christmas cookie baking), a resource to keep us healthy by cooking meals at home, a place for homework to be done, bills to be wrote out, and just to sit and relax while enjoying a quiet dinner. For these reasons, many people choose to upgrade their kitchens to make them more efficient, relaxing and beautiful.

Trudy Anderson, owner of Fairmont Kitchen Center in Fairmont, West Virginia, has been designing kitchens since 1976. I asked her some questions about designing kitchens from when she first started to now. “One of the biggest differences is all of the detail that people want in their kitchens. That includes trim work, shapes of the kitchen, upgraded appliances, and the overall efficiencies within. For example, cabinets now have options such as pull-out drawers and elaborate systems for corner storage, just to name a few.”

