

TRUE BEARING BUILT



OUR PROCESS

At True Bearing Built, we are committed to guiding you through the sometimes turbulent waters of construction to arrive at your intended destination. Our team provides an unparalleled experience that puts your goals at the center of every work day. We know that not all plans go accordingly. When that happens, we're here to tackle the surprises with experience and creativity to keep you on track. If you have a destination — we'll get you there.

Josh Williamson

Owner/General Manager

Builder, designer, and entrepreneur Josh Williamson has been creating since a young age. Josh started and developed his talents in the building trades initially working for a Seattle-based architecture firm, then moved to a construction management focus after graduating from the UW with degrees in both architecture and Construction Management. Working for a decade in the custom-residential building niche, he now brings his drive and vision to True Bearing Built. True Bearing Built raises the bar for residential construction in NW Washington by offering a thoughtful approach that emphasizes local relationships, dedication to craft, sustainable practices, and a rewarding culture.



PLAN

The idea stage can be an exciting yet intimidating one. You have already developed a preliminary scope, there is a vision, but now come the details. Cost expectations, schedule realities... With our experience in the design and construction industry, we can guide you through the schematic design phase by partnering you with a trusted architect or designer.

CREATE

The prior planning stage sets the framework for the construction phase. Teaming with the best local partners, True Bearing Built will get your project rolling in the right way.

MANAGE

Coinciding with the built phase of construction, True Bearing Built puts in place a rigorous system for every project that tracks and reports costs, and puts the owner in the driver's seat with their priorities at the center of the discussion. The management experience is custom-tailored, but can include weekly meetings, monthly financial reviews, as-needed site meetings at critical milestones and detailed billing packages with all necessary substantiation.

DELIVER

Our goal is to provide the best value and experience possible. Upon project delivery, we aim to have checked off all of these marks:

Provide excellent value

Provide an exceptional product and experience

Understand and respect the needs and values of the client

Communicate effectively and efficiently

Meet and exceed expectations

DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES

Our design division serves as an integrated solution aimed at bridging the gap between design and construction. By offering in-house design services, we ensure that projects are cohesive from the planning stages through to execution, enhancing the overall quality, cost control, and efficiency of our work.

We offer a comprehensive architectural design and construction management service, guiding clients through every phase of their building project. Should you choose to take advantage of this service, our process begins with an initial consultation to understand project needs and goals, followed by in-depth collaboration during the Pre-Design and Schematic Design phases to define scope, space relationships, and overall design. As the project progresses into Design Development, we refine plans, select materials, and provide 3D models for a realistic preview.

Once designs are finalized, we create detailed Construction Documents for permits, subcontractor bidding and construction. During Construction Administration, we build to our specific plans and oversee the subcontractor's work to ensure quality and compliance with the plans. Our services extend through the Close Out phase, where we coordinate final inspections, punch lists, and ensure the project meets all regulatory requirements for occupancy. Throughout, we prioritize budget control, project timelines, and clear communication with all stakeholders.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to learn more about our design/build process and capabilities.



Bathroom Design - 3D Sketch



Bathroom Design - 3D Rendering





SAN JUAN ISLAND HOUSE

Friday Harbor, Washington

Set in the woods with sweeping water views, this project encompassed an interior remodel of the existing home, as well as a new garage and ADU space adjacent to the home. This significant remodel introduced large window and door units to maximize the feeling of being surrounded by nature. Materials were selected which blend well with the surrounding landscape, and native plantings help blend the immediate yard with the forest beyond.

Built to compliment the architectural language of the existing home, this accessory dwelling unit is built into a steep slope and oriented towards the water, thus capitalizing on the views towards the east. The entrance to the modern-styled apartment unit on the second level is accomplished by way of a small bridge linking the structure to the land. On the lower level, the layout is all about function, housing a small shop and bathroom, plus two separate single-bay garages. Nestled into the forest with a backdrop of fir and spruce trees, the materials reference the palette of the surrounding area, resulting in a functional and respectful addition to the waterfront property.

ARCHITECT
Hoedemaker Pfeiffer

PHOTOGRAPHY
Wes Edholm

ENTRY DOOR
Northstar Woodworks

WINDOWS AND DOORS
Kolbe





CONTEMPORARY REMODEL

Bellingham, Washington

The design of this project called for transforming the original 1980s living spaces into a modern open floor plan with reimagined finishes. The sunken living room was framed up, and the west wall completely opened, allowing for large floor-to-ceiling windows.

A non-bearing wall located in the middle of the old space was removed to further expand the views out towards the deck. Finishes were carefully selected to adhere to a more modern sensibility. Vertical grain fir cabinets compliment the warmth of the maple floors, while the stone selections for fireplace and countertops introduce cool tones that juxtapose the warm tones of the woods. Visual clutter is minimized and architecture is highlighted by integrating a finished cabinet panel for refrigerator door, as well as concealing all cooktop venting with use of a downdraft fan.

WINDOWS AND DOORS
JeldWen

STONE COUNTERTOPS
Pacific Granite

CABINETS
K&S Woodworks

PHOTOGRAPHY
Damian Vines





ANACORTES CLASSIC KITCHEN

Anacortes, Washington

On this project, the True Bearing Built team opened the space between the kitchen and living room to allow for a pass-through area and visual continuity between the two rooms. Where structure was needed above, a dark-stained, hewn beam with decorative pendant lights accent the opening. All new cabinets, countertops, plumbing fixtures, appliances, and finishes complete the room. Lastly, a re-imagined lighting plan with dimmable LED recessed cans and undercabinet task lighting provide warm ambiance for the re-envisioned kitchen.

ARCHITECT
Island Architecture, Nina Le Baron

CABINETRY
Baraa Woodworks

PHOTOGRAPHY
Damian Vines

COUNTERS
Creative Cabinets





LETTERED STREETS CUSTOM

Bellingham, Washington

For this project, the client's primary goals were to increase the warmth and functionality of the kitchen and bathroom spaces. Over the course of the 100-year-old home's history, various remodels covered up original features and closed off the overall feel of the kitchen. For this remodel, the original floors were uncovered and restored, thus renewing the historic feel and creating visual continuity between the spaces. New dimmable LED lighting in the ceiling and under the cabinets was added, and new cabinets utilizing salvaged fir materials with custom hardware made from railroad spikes add rustic character.

In the bathroom, rather than removing the old vintage tub, the decision was made to highlight and compliment the quirkiness of the tub by integrating new tile work that compliments the color scheme.

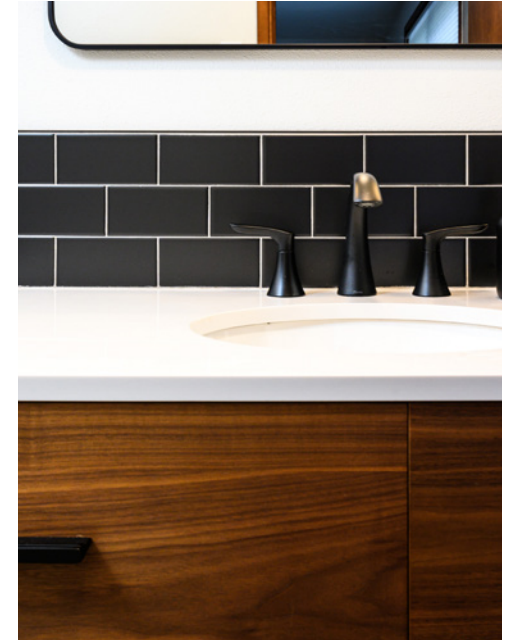
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CABINETRY
Carpenter Ant

COUNTERTOPS
Devine Countertops

PHOTOGRAPHY
Damian Vines





MIDCENTURY MODERN RENOVATION

Mount Vernon, Washington

The former layout of this home had the kitchen completely separated from the dining and living areas, making for a disjointed and closed off feel. The new design called for completely removing the “L-shaped” dividing wall allowing for an open floor plan and greatly enhanced experience of the kitchen and living spaces. To allow for removing the bearing wall, a 20’ beam needed to be installed, as well as new posts and footings below to accommodate the structural load. Rather than covering up the beam with drywall, the team chose to highlight the structural component by making one side an exposed steel “flitch plate,” and the other side wrapped in oiled walnut to match the new cabinets. The result is a detail that compliments the finishes yet celebrates the structure.

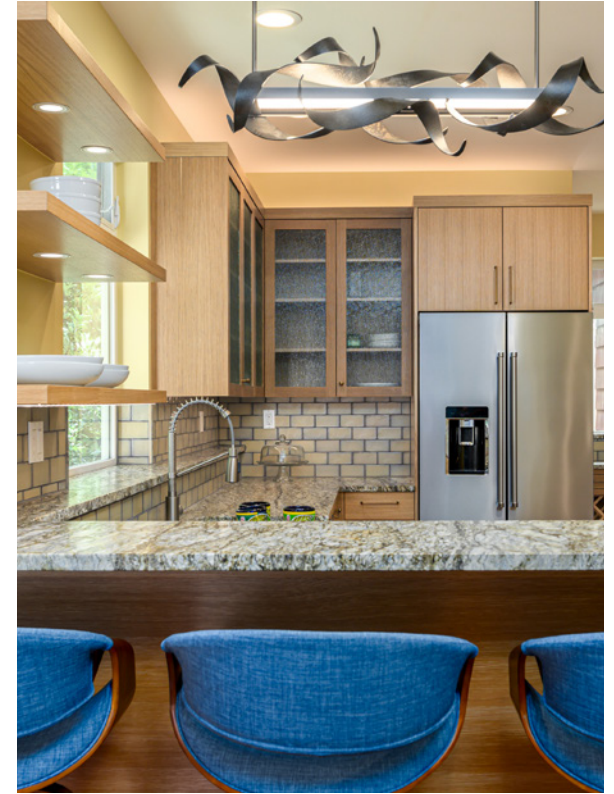
The kitchen was completely reimaged, utilizing Luxor European-style cabinets, and granite countertops. Hexagonal black tiles with white grout punctuate the backsplash, and new oak flooring by Woodura adds warmth. A large, nine-foot island allows for a communal hub for the new space, and updated lighting and stainless appliances all around give the space a contemporary yet inviting feel.

The details do not stop there though! A custom walnut handrail adds midcentury character to the entryway staircase, and three full bathroom remodels complete the project. In the newly remodeled bathrooms, white subway tile contrasts well with the contemporary black hardware. The hex tile motif is repeated upstairs with the shower and bathroom floors. New vanities, fixtures, and lighting give the bathrooms a much-needed update.

DESIGN + LAYOUT
True Bearing Built

PHOTOGRAPHY
Damian Vines





FIDALGO ARTIST'S HOME

Anacortes, Washington

This is a fully re-visioned kitchen space that is hardly recognizable as compared to the old layout. Some bold moves make all the difference! The former location of the refrigerator was turned into a butler's pantry, allowing the workflow to be rearranged for better functionality.

A new lighting plan with dimmable LED cans and undercabinet task lighting provides a warm ambiance, greatly improving functionality throughout the kitchen. Dramatic floating shelves add definition to the space, and the countertop and tile finishes complement the warmth of the wood finishes.

The project was made possible by a collaboration between Smith and Vallee Cabinet Makers and Island Architecture. Together, they tied the client's love of art and design by adding pops of color and unique hardware to the project.

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CABINETRY
Smith & Vallee



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