

July 28, 2004

To Those Considering Design Consultation:

After carefully planning some remodeling changes to my home in Malibu, I thought it wouldn't hurt to get another opinion on what I was about to undertake. I called Carol Larkin after seeing her ad or hearing about her. Although, having creative ability myself, I didn't think what I had designed could be improved on. But then, two heads are always better than one.

Was I ever wrong! Carol had ideas I would have never thought of. Expanding space beyond what I could have done, creating a dramatic feeling in what would have been boring spaces and at the same, we saved on construction costs too.

The remodel is just about completed now the way Carol suggested it should be done. Between you and me, I would have paid her two or three times what she invoiced me for. I am sure pleased she was the other head I asked.

Sincerely,

November 8, 2004

A friend of mine saw Carol Larkin's ad in the paper and suggested I call her. I was in the process of moving into a new home and not knowing which items of furniture to take and what to get rid of. Basically, Carol walked through my new empty house first. Then we drove to the home I was moving from. Carol looked over the pieces of furniture picking out what she felt would work. Since I wanted to keep the sofa I had, Carol suggested that I get it reupholstered along with a number of other pieces. We met at an upholstery shop and she helped me find things that I love! We even had a headboard made to match the new custom made linens. Carol drew out a basic floor plan for the furniture. I had her back a second time to go through many, many collected accessories. She has a no nonsense approach to quickly eliminating things (unless I had a special attachment) and putting them in a box! She not only accessorized each room in my home with my own things but created a very clean put together space. I asked her to stay and go over my art collection. She found the perfect wall for my favorite pieces and suggested reframing others. She performs quickly and creatively and as a result I love my new home. And they are all my own things!!!

I have worked with Carol on various projects and I have found her help invaluable. She is able to work on both a large and small scale. She can revamp an entire house or suggest the perfect tile for a small bathroom. I have always been very impressed with the way that she can "see" what needs to be done.

July 30, 2004

I hired Carol Larkin to help me with the remodel of my laundry room. As we are part time residents of Malibu and live on the East Coast, I could not be there for the installation process. Carol not only supplied me with her sources of cabinetry and installers but acted as my project manager. She was diligent in her communication of e-mails, phone calls and sending digital photo's of the process. There were installation issues that one never knows about as walls are torn into and she was great in seeing that the job was done correctly. It may seem like a small issue but we laugh now as we termed it "The Taj Mahal" of Laundry Rooms.

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