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This month we feature the hands-on approach of Kim Schlosser, who puts her woodworking skills and sweat-equity into the living spaces of a property notable as an original Magnolia 'Florida Yard'.

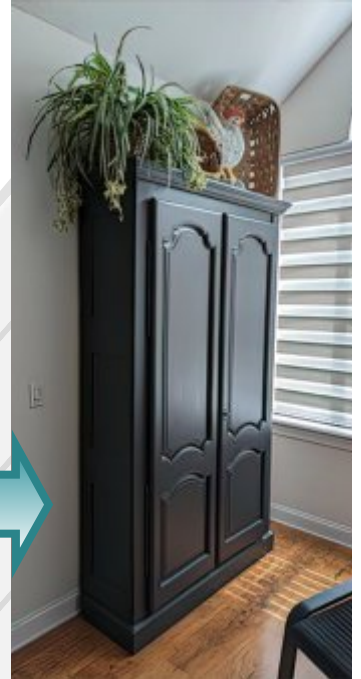
How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?
Since 2016.

What have you done to the interior since you've been here?

In the kitchen we fabricated two upper cabinets, closed the open soffit area above remaining cabinets. We stripped and repainted all upper and lower cabinets, relocated the microwave, resized the cabinet over stove and installed a new cafe exhaust hood and stainless steel backsplash. We closed the open soffit area over the remaining cabinets and painted it all.

In a corner of the dining room where there were just three recessed bookshelves, I fabricated and installed a Coffee Hutch.

In the master bedroom, I repurposed a curio cabinet as a book case and TV/Dresser.



In the master bath, I fabricated a sliding 'barn' door to replace a curtain on a rod.

Tell us about the skills you've brought to bear on this work.

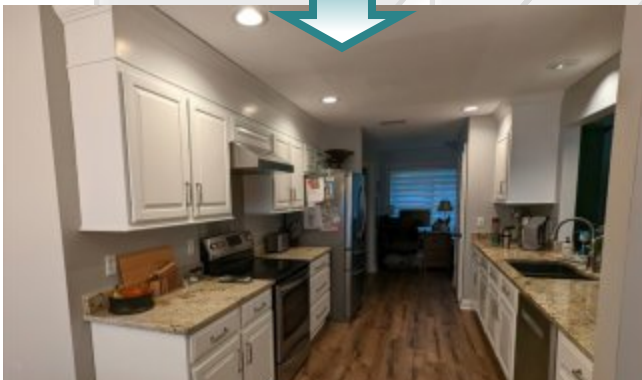
Tools that I use for my projects include an 8" circular saw, a jig saw, a basic miter saw, a Kreg pocket hole jig, two different sanders, a cordless drill, two plastic saw horses, a folding portable workbench and a long aluminum level that I use to get good rip cuts with the circular saw. Of all things I've learned, the most important is: 'measure three times not twice'.

What do you like best about what you've done?

The best was also the biggest expense: our new flooring and we love the look! But I can't decide on the rest of the projects: I like them all!

Which room(s) did you spend the most time as a kid?

My parents remodeled a small church and I shared a bedroom with my three sisters (it had been the library). I loved to read and craft in that room.



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A dead-end corner becomes a coffee oasis:



Where are you most likely to spend it now?

I have a sewing studio that was originally a TV room/den. I spend my days there and my nights in the great room with my husband.

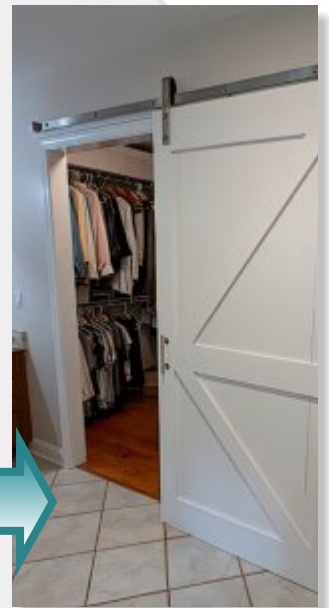
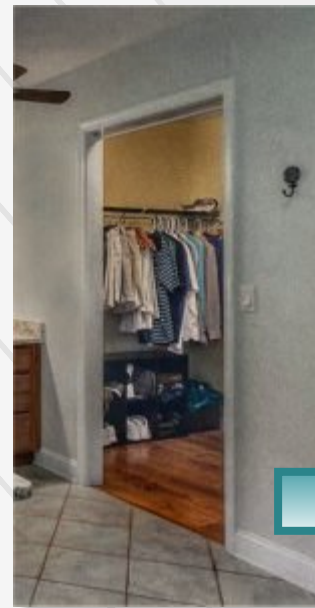
Does your interior work for specific uses: entertainment, work, hobby?

Yes, all of these.

What improvements are you considering next?

I've already started remodeling the fireplace in our living room, while I'm reworking our laundry room. After those, it's the master bath.

Barn find: curtain calls for a curtain rod



Kim's Workshop: when not needed, her entire assortment of tools rests on a few shelves in the garage. She deploys her helpers when and where they're needed, and stretches out a workspace on two folding sawhorses.

