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3635 WINGED FOOT

Travis Butler knew he was buying a house last January with *good bones*. Then he set out to give it new *muscle*. He put in 2 new water heaters (one that helps cool the garage!), added a hot-water pump for the master bath, replaced both AC systems, replaced the pool pump and added a pool heater and salt chlorinator, all while pruning back and cleaning up the landscape.



Then he replaced all lighting & fans, all door & cabinet hardware, and all the valves and faucets in the house. He removed all the flooring and replaced it with a gorgeous pale gray 72" x 11" tile. He removed a wall in the kitchen, installed new cabinets, farm sink, and new appliances, re-routing much of the electrical and plumbing in the process, and installed an 8' x 5' island. Adjacent to the new kitchen, he added a wet bar, cabinets and counter space. Turning to the living room, one is drawn immediately to a floor-to-ceiling wall done in a sharp, contemporary shiplap, a theme he is extending throughout the house.

It can be a challenge to find square and level surfaces that match on some of Magnolia's older homes. Travis' fine carpentry skills are remarkable. He showed me complex miters (from the back side, where the tale is really told) that made my eyes hurt. And the walls, nooks and corners that are receiving the gift of this precision dimensional paneling give a museum-grade look.

- Editor



*We can't wait to see what's next; this story to be continued!*

