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JMKA Architects

The award winning JMKA Architects is known in Fairfield County as a firm that integrates client's needs and visions within a budget. That is one of the reasons why homeowners in Westport, CT called on them to re-do their 1950's home that had several additions over the years.

Jeff Kaufman went right to work trying to convey a Farmhouse feel with an attention to detail using reclaimed barn beams. The beams were used in the kitchen and butlers pantry, creating a continual flow. The entry way from the kitchen to the family room was made larger with the use of the beams that frame the passageway. As Kaufman stated "The clients were very important to the design of the project- we, as architects, have a responsibility to educate our clients throughout the process. When the project is complete- the client has a very good understanding of what it will look like and deserves to take some ownership to the final product."

The project included a new kitchen layout, a new butlers pantry, a redesign of the family room with a new screened in porch with includes 12-foot glass wall that opens. The homeowners requested that the loft space be used as an "office" for their daughter and a

separate media area.

The Kitchen is totally transformed from dark and dated to a rustic chic farmhouse feel, gone are the dated tiles and passé cabinets. It exudes lightness and subtle tiles and marble work in a seamless way. As Kaufman said "My inspiration comes from the materials I choose to work with, the natural environment, my travel

Experiences in different countries and the space where the project will be built- how far can I push the envelope? What other materials can accomplish the same result and how to maximize the project within

the surroundings. I rely on historical precedent, not magazines- I am intrigued by mixing the old with the new." The Fireplace seems to act as a pivotal part of the room, with the use of robust stones. The new windows now frame the fireplace adding touch of lightness to the room. The beautiful light fixture also achieves this and makes great use of the ceiling's high arch. The large matching lamps sit atop a sofa table and go perfectly with the rooms large scale. JMKA Architects and Jeff Kaufman did a fabulous job and now we can all tell why they are an award winning firm.



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