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**REBUILDING AMERICA: WASHINGTON, D.C.**

## Rebuilding the Capital, One Home at a Time

Whether adding a home office to work through the days of COVID-19 or renovating a house to breathe new life into a living space, Hopkins & Porter Construction, Inc. is in the business of making home a place worth staying in.



Since March 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans have viewed working from home in a drastically different light. Suddenly, it not only became acceptable, but mandatory for those who were able and essential. Home offices were in high demand, and kitchens and dining rooms became active workspaces. Students—from elementary school to college—also transitioned back home, needing spaces for distance learning. What once was a quiet refuge became a bustling business location.

Serving the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area since 1977, Hopkins & Porter Construction, Inc. began receiving urgent calls from past clients asking how to manage this significant business change. And, as the area begins to reopen, the Hopkins & Porter team has found an increase in certain home features and design trends to accommodate the new normal.



### Home Offices

Hopkins & Porter has seen an increased demand for home office spaces as large numbers of companies allow their employees to work remotely. Hopkins & Porter's team of designers has been tasked to create home offices in rarely used rooms, such as guest bedrooms, attics, and basements. Many clients have reconfigured existing spaces to fit this new need.



### Home Gyms

Washington-area residents have explored new ways to work out from the convenience of their homes. Many have chosen to create areas where equipment such as treadmills, weight benches, exercise bikes, and yoga mats can be utilized with minimal effort. Some of these spaces also need technology to stream the latest workouts online.



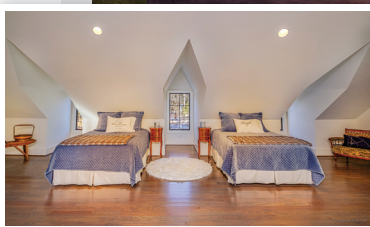
### Family and In-Law Suites

The Washington remodeling market was somewhat stagnant throughout the early months of the pandemic, as most people spent considerable time trying to navigate what the COVID-19 lockdown meant for their families. After being quarantined for weeks

upon weeks, many homeowners realized the need to update indoor and outdoor spaces for work, school, exercise, and more. They became concerned for family members who might be more vulnerable to the virus based on age, location, or living conditions.

Hopkins & Porter found many homeowners wanted to expand or reconfigure their living spaces to accommodate additional family members. Open concept living and kitchen areas have become the family hub, and extra bedrooms have become enlarged to help a newly displaced family member feel at home.

The future of construction is always difficult to predict, but a great design-build remodeling firm such as Hopkins & Porter will listen carefully to the needs of their clients and develop solutions that are both functional and beautiful. "Our clients are like family to us," says Ray Hornsby, general manager. "We care deeply about them, and we're always available to meet their needs."



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