

IT'S AN ABSOLUTE  
NECESSITY TO DO  
YOUR HOMEWORK  
AND INQUIRE ABOUT  
NEIGHBORHOOD, CITY  
AND COUNTY RULES  
AND REGULATIONS  
CONCERNING HOME  
ADDITIONS BEFORE  
PROCEEDING WITH  
YOUR PROJECT.

## MOVING UP INSTEAD OF OUT

Dr. Stephen and Kathy Thompson loved their neighborhood and property overlooking the Orlando Country Club's golf course, but needed more room, as well as a more modern master bedroom. Their solution? Stay put, but only after adding 1,600 square feet with a new upper floor.

Farina & Sons Inc., a custom builder and general contracting firm, was hired to make the plan a reality. "The Thompsons and the architect came to me at the same time; they needed space, but didn't know which way to go," recalls Victor Farina, president. "After checking over their property and the view, the decision was made to go up."

So seamless was the integration of the second story into the existing structure, Farina says, that longtime neighbors would stop during the construction phase to exclaim that they couldn't tell where the old house ended and the addition



Dr. Stephen Thompson enjoys his trophy room, which was added to display his hunting accolades.

began. The project also garnered first place and Grand Award honors at the 1998 Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase.

Concrete columns had to be incorporated to bear the weight of the new addition, and floor joists were elevated and insulated to keep noise flow from below to a minimum. A new oak stairway, which is trimmed with wainscoting and crown molding to match the details of the first story, leads to the addition. A balcony was added to take advantage of the golf course view, as well as a trophy room to display Stephen's hunting trophies and a hobby supply/workstation closet. A roomy master suite with a spacious bath boasting all the contemporary comforts, including a garden tub, completes the second story.

Now the Thompsons can enjoy the best of both worlds—and they didn't have to sacrifice location for more room. Says Kathy: "We knew we'd never find anything this good anywhere else."



Farina & Sons Inc. added 1,600 square feet by "moving up" at Dr. Stephen and Kathy Thompson's home overlooking the Orlando Country Club's golf course.



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