



## Outside In

*This addition retains the feel of the original house.*

Patty and Butch Tew's house suffered from the problems common to many older homes (theirs was built in 1939). The kitchen was undersized, the family room was cramped, and circulation was a problem. "Everywhere you went, you had to go through the kitchen," says Patty.

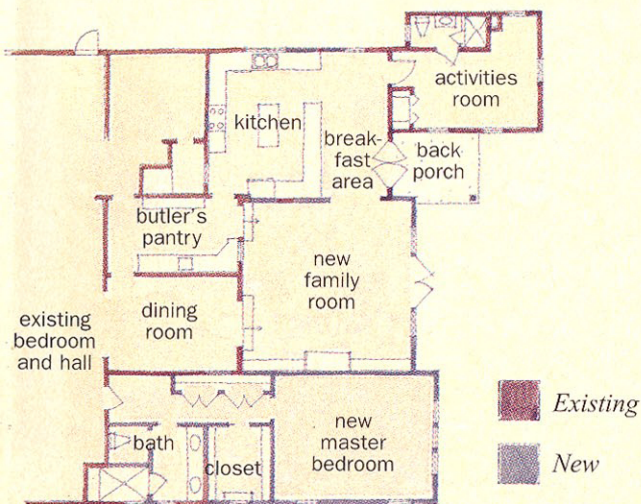
The Tews knew they needed to add on but they wanted it done carefully. "We didn't want somebody to walk in and say 'When did you add this?'" says Patty.

Working with Winter Park, Florida, architect Stephen Feller, the Tews gained a family room, a bigger kitchen, and a master bedroom. More important, the space avoids the tacked-on feel of many additions.

The architect was able to reconfigure some of the existing space at the rear of the house. A small breakfast area was expanded to become the kitchen; the original kitchen became a butler's pantry; and the family



*TOP: Wood siding and V-groove ceiling boards give this family room addition the look of an enclosed porch. ABOVE: A half-height wall separates the kitchen and breakfast area.*



room, reduced in size, became the breakfast area. A new 20-square-foot family room and an activities room (perfect for Gator, the family dog) were added. A master bedroom and bath were created to the rear of the existing bedrooms (see plan above).

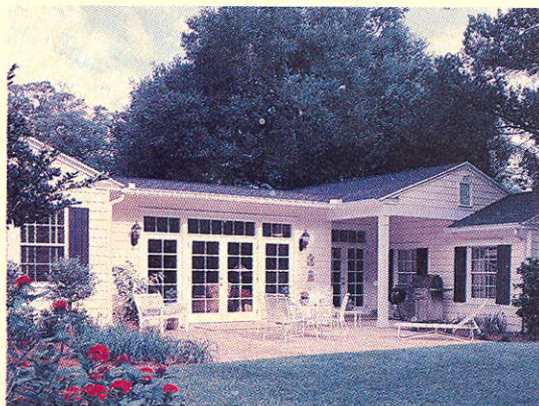
Because a good part of the addition was actually within existing space, it reduced the impact on the exterior. Careful matching of the house's original wood siding and trim helped to blend the new with the old.

A few of the house's old exterior walls became interior walls. In addition, the tongue-and-groove ceiling of the original breakfast area could remain. "That was the only charm we had in our house," says Patty, referring to the wood siding and ceiling.

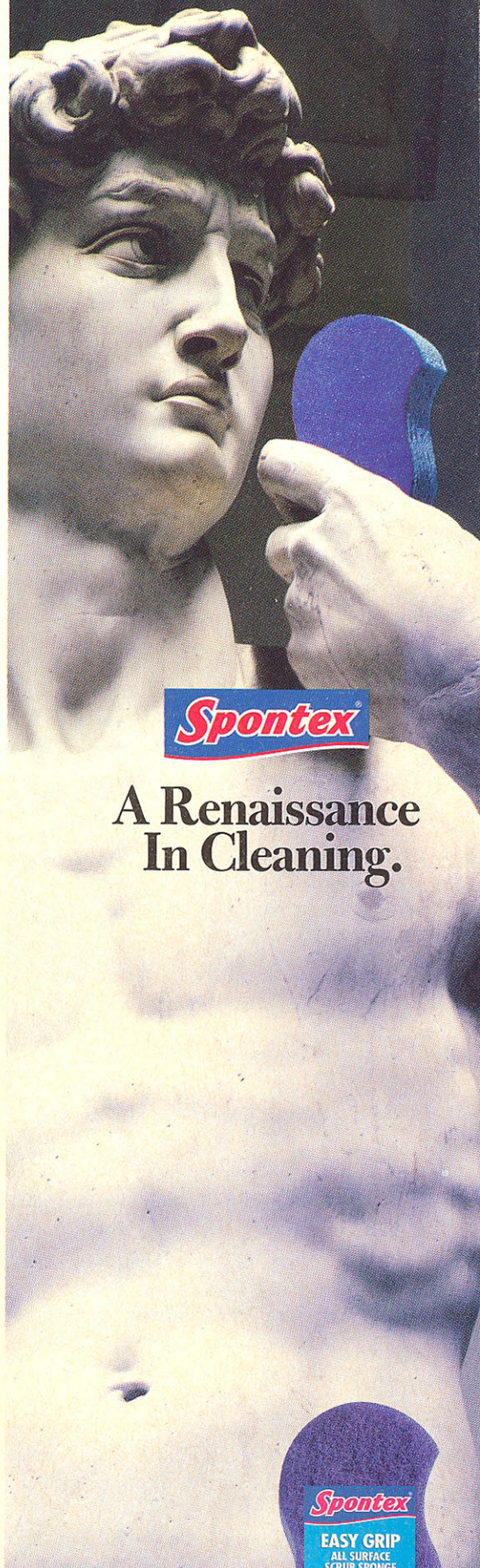
The architect agreed. "After all these years, I have come to the conclusion that stucco and dry-wall, unless they are textured, have no character by themselves," says Stephen. So he repeated the original exterior siding throughout the renovation and addition. The 8-inch drop siding gives the new interior walls both texture and a sense of permanence. The 4-inch tongue-and-groove ceiling adds a porch feel to all the rooms.

Now with the rearranged rooms, a bigger kitchen, the family room addition, and improved circulation, the house functions much better, especially when filled with family and friends. "Nobody gets in anybody's way," says Patty. "There's even a room for Gator."

Louis Joyner



*To minimize the added-on look, the roof pitch of the master bedroom (at left) was matched to the existing roofline. An almost-flat roof was used over the new family room addition in the center.*



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