



What was on your Christmas List this year?

by Joy Jarman



Was a new home or remodeling your existing home on your Christmas List this year? If so, it's a great time to ask Santa. There are so many wonderful new and exciting things to consider if you are interested in building, buying or renovating. Here are some of my favorite things for 2014.



* **Lots of sparkle-** Chrome is back and in a big way. From light fixtures, plumbing fixtures, and door and bath hardware, chrome is making a comeback. Chrome can have a modern flair or can be reminiscent of the past and can even mix the two. In a recent project, we mixed the chrome bath fixtures and older styles with a beautiful, more modern light fixture. It turned out beautiful leaving the room elegant and timeless.



* **Cool Grays are still hot!** Gray tones are the hottest color trend for 2014. Cabinet manufacturers have come aboard by offering new finishes in shades of gray. Tile and other coordinating materials are also following suit. Gray is such a wonderful neutral that goes with many color schemes. You can get more ideas of how to Decorate with gray on our Pinterest & Houzz sites.

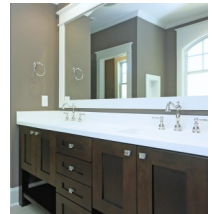
* **Motion sensor faucets-** Technology meets practical as plumbing fixtures are merging style, function, & technology. Motion sensor faucets are becoming the hottest selling new plumbing trend for 2014. Users love the ease of use by turning on water at the slightest touch or motion. Now, more styles are coming out allowing more choices for consumers.



* **Tile trends-** The making of tile has become more and more technological advanced allowing many options for consumers. The traditional 12x12 tile is out, now replaced with most any combination including 12x24 planks stacked horizontal, vertical, or brick pattern. In addition, long 6x24 tile planks that look like real wood are widely popular. Glass tile continues to gain popularity combining an eclectic combination of shapes, sizes, and colors that look more like art than accent. Technological advances in tile have also allowed tile to be printed in realistic patterns and colors to take on the look of real stone like the popular Carrara marble, limestone, and slate. These tiles can be just as beautiful but more cost effective and maintenance friendly.



* **Cabinet design-** Simple, straight lines and door styles with open shelving has started taking over the traditional raised panel styles. Thick, white, honed marble is popular and looks great with the simpler door styles, and modern chrome fixtures and hardware.



* **Free standing tubs-** In our Parade Home this past year we featured a free standing tub and it was a big hit. I predict the free standing tubs will increase in popularity again this year. We will definitely be including one in our upcoming Parade Home again this year. The look is a great way to blend styles between the old with the new.

* **Customization-** I predict Customization of any kind is going to be big in 2014. Now with the easy access to millions of photos of ideas for your home from websites like Houzz & Pinterest, more and more buyers will want to duplicate something they have found and absolutely love. I think consumers are getting tired of cookie cutter homes where everything looks the same from one home to the next. Customization and getting "exactly what they want" is going to be important as we head into 2014. Thankfully, we are a custom builder and ready to help check off each item on your Custom Home Christmas Wish list this year.

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As we head into a new year, we want to thank each of you for helping make our continuing progress possible. We feel very blessed to have had you be a part of our past year and look forward to crossing paths in 2014.



We say thank you and wish you a very Merry Christmas and good health and prosperity in the New Year.



Mark your Calendar

We are currently busy getting ready for our Spring Parade of Homes entry which will be located on lot 51 in Portofino. We are exciting about this 3121s.f. plan with unfinished basement. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Parade of Homes in Johnston County to begin April 12th. Visit our website for more information.