

Not Going Anywhere?

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As the housing market continues to flounder, homeowners aspiring to upgrade are increasingly being confronted by the reality of making do with what they already have.

Staying Put: Remodel Your House to Get the Home You Want (The Taunton Press) by Madison architect Duo Dickinson presents “ideas and inspiration” from his 33 years of practice and over 400 renovations for those looking to upgrade their living space.

“This book is a very simple way for people to see what’s possible in their own home,” says Dickinson, noting that it features over 300 images—including “before” and “after” images of 60 projects that he’s designed over the past five years—and provides dozens of “real, bite-sized” tips. Also included are projects of varying cost and scope as well as Dickinson’s takes on prototypical house styles and historic elements that are now making a comeback.

“This book will help homeowners take true ownership of their houses and give them the tools to be inspired but also ground them in the practical,” he says. “Homes are an anchor, not a stepping stone. They can either drown you or provide a base for the freedom to explore.”

For more remodeling ideas and info, visit stayingput.com.

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