

McLean guest house addition seamlessly elaborates Mediterranean-style exterior

■ Michael Nash solution surmounts long list of challenges... and is still on time for the wedding!

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Vijay and Sayceda Chaudry have been quietly ensconced in their spacious Mediterranean-style home for decades, so deciding to add guest quarters over the garage in time for their daughter's wedding presented a distinct change of pace for an otherwise relaxed household.

"We wanted an apartment my daughter and son-law could live in while she was finishing medical school," Sayceda Chaudry recalls. "But we were also planning to have the wedding at the house, so everything needed to be guest-ready in about six months."

Given the architectural challenges and the tight timeline, Sayceda is pleased with the finely-articulated results, and thrilled that the project won her builder—Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes—a South Atlantic region "Contractor of the Year" award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

"They were keenly interested in our satisfaction," Chaudry says of the firm she selected after months of research. "They gave us detailed plans even before we



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A guest suite built above the garage of an L-shaped Mediterranean-style home in McLean is flawlessly integrated with the existing architecture. To match the existing masonry cladding which was no longer available, design/builder Michael Nash developed a perfect tonal complement using three different sets of brick.

decided to hire them. Since my husband is trained as an engineer, our requirements are pretty exact."

Among many visible merits, the top-level addition to the Chaudry's L-shaped home is perfectly reconciled with the ornate existing facade. The design marries engineering and infrastructure solutions with well-articulated elevations and an interior scheme that is architecturally-appropriate, highly functional and warmly inviting. The new suite also provides the privacy of a separate residence, yet is quietly integrated

into the existing structure.

From the outset, a primary concern was assuring that the structural supports of a 15-year-old three-car garage could support the weight of a 1,110-square-foot, brick-clad residence above. Since bolstering existing garage walls would have reduced space needed for cars and storage, Michael Nash structural engineers developed a plan for disbursing loads by installing new ground level footings combined with specially engineered joists. Steel posts and headers were specified to support

the two-story brick and stucco façade. Interestingly, though the undergirding is more than adequate to task, supports are discretely concealed.

"Actually, we didn't lose any living space," Sayceda points out.

Securing the necessary electrical and HVAC linkages also proved problematic. Since sewer and hot water sources are located on the opposite side of the existing house, the design/build team had to develop routes for new lines. This prompted a decision by the Chaudry's to upgrade the electrical



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efficiency of the entire home, and to re-wire throughout. A dedicated heat pump was installed in the new addition's attic. Walls between the existing house and the addition were re-insulated to assure quiet.

The cross-gabled architectural solution is especially choice. The new elevation repeats the arch-and-column design motif framing the front door by introducing paired

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gables, each featuring stilted arch windows and Tuscan columns.

Quoins elaborating the corners of the existing house are perfectly replicated, as is the hipped roof with its distinctively wide, overhanging eaves. The original roofing material has been replaced with a maintenance-free synthetic slate that boasts an unusually long life cycle.

When it was determined that the home's existing masonry cladding was no longer available, team designers researched several options, ultimately developing a perfect tonal and textural match that employs three different sets of brick.

The apartment's interior further explores several front elevation design elements—most notably the arches and columns, which are used to delineate the living area from the sleeping quarters in an otherwise open floor plan.

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The luxury master bath features warmly-hued marble walls and floors, granite counter tops and a large, frameless shower. The space was also designed to accommodate a stacked washer and dryer.

One enters the new apartment from a rear glass door that accesses a 5-by-6 foyer finished in rojo allacante marble. Wood stairs with forged iron railings climb to the apartment— or you can choose the alternate foyer door to the main house.

Privacy elegantly presented in either case.

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French doors open onto a view of the pool in the suites' primary living area.



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