Design translations

This year’s Homes of the Month offer details you can use in your own house.
Some things new and renovated

The Home of the Month selections are fancy, but many homeowners collaborate to create that image of the historical kitchen, with a few rooms and mountain views — thanks to disappearing glass doors and interior walls with windows.

Some submissions to the 2008 Home of the Month featured a variety of styles, from new builds to renovations and additions. Many of the back stories were as unique and interesting as the designs. Here is a snapshot at the winning projects for December.

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A new porch area on a guest house on Bogue Sound.

This house is a masterful mix of natural and modern.

A 1960s ranch gets a contemporary makeover that is perfect for a growing family.

A home on a hillside.

A four-season retreat is driven by a desire to view and experience the sound of Emerald Isle.

A grand new house starts in the mountains and family room — and doesn’t leave out Mom.

The update for this traditional Durham Colonial begins with the client’s desire for a front porch.

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