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DESCRIBE THE FEATURED PROJECT.

This client, a bachelor who loves to entertain, purchased a home close to the eateries and nightlife of Downtown Manhattan Beach. The house was the right size, but the layout was a series of small rooms with awkward access to the rear family room and backyard. Working within the original footprint, we changed the flow and access within and dramatically improved the indoor-outdoor connection. By removing the wall separating the small galley kitchen from the front living room, we created one large gathering space with an island and communal dining table with comfortable curved-bench seating. The rear family room was reoriented to provide a restful seating group opposite a new bifolding door that now opens onto a deck overlooking a courtyard with a lap pool, BBQ and seating/TV pavilion. This is now the go-to party house on a cul-de-sac of very social neighbors!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED IN THIS INDUSTRY?

Jean-Louis has been building cabinets and remodeling homes for 27 years. Josette's design career spans 21 years, and they have loved every moment of working together for the past 11 years.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR SIGNATURE TOUCHES THAT MAKE YOUR FIRM STAND OUT FROM THE REST?

We both pay close attention to the details! And Jean-Louis personally crafts all the wood elements—framing, finish carpentry and custom cabinets—for his projects. By understanding the framing, as well as the finished visible layer of wood, he is able to think through what the project will require from all the subcontractors who will precede and follow his work. The end result is that everything is "tight"!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRM AND THE SERVICES YOU OFFER.

Jean-Louis is an experienced general contractor and custom cabinet craftsman. Josette is a seasoned, professional interior designer. Both maintain thriving businesses on their own, each having started their practice many years before marrying in 2007. They also share many mutual projects for clients who appreciate the unique, complementary services of their design-build collaboration. After all, who wouldn't love knowing their designer and contractor will continue to work design details on a napkin sketch during weekly date night?

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR YOUR FIRM?

We love to collaborate on remodels with a significant custom woodwork scope: kitchens, bathrooms, media rooms, libraries, home offices or lots of lovely paneling! Josette and her team create beautiful, detailed drawings, and Jean-Louis makes these dreams real. We are looking for a few lucky clients who will reap immense benefit from the symbiotic working relationship between these two passionate, experienced professionals.



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