

Best Custom Home 3,000-4,000 SF
Outstanding Kitchen
Best Butler's Pantry
 The Greyrock Companies



This striking contemporary farmhouse was the 2020 Idea House for This Old House. Jerry Effren built it across from Saugatuck Golf Course and Long Island Sound.

The heart of the house is the exquisite 22'X44' kitchen/dining/family room with beamed cathedral ceiling, stone fireplace and wall of glass. Both the award winning kitchen and stand out butler's pantry were designed by Sandy Effren & Karen Berke-meyer, KB Home. Pictured is the charming upstairs bunk room and amazing outdoor living environment with kitchen, plunge pool, firepit and putting green overlooking the golf course and water.



Spec Home of the Year

R.B. Benson

Donald Fairbanks Architect



It took Rick Benson many months to overcome municipal and FEMA challenges, COVID, and dealing with a neighbor's 20 percent view easement, to build this amazing Westport home. Designed by Don Fairbanks with plenty of glass and multiple decks overlooking the Saugatuck River, it is all about indoor/outdoor living.

The family room Nana doors provide an unobstructed water view, and a double island kitchen with 60" gas range, extra cabinetry and two sinks is perfect for entertaining. The sumptuous master suite is equipped with fireplace, sitting area, a private balcony, two large walk-in closets and a spa bath with 9ft glass shower and tile from KB Home. Apple Homekit manages key home functions and the 4-stop elevator completes the tech package. It sold to an empty nester couple at \$3.95 million.



Architects, designers, builders and real estate developers in Fairfield and Westchester Counties bring their projects to Karen Berkemeyer Home. KB Home provides a true “one stop shop” experience for their kitchens or baths, including tile, stone, cabinetry, plumbing, lighting and countertops.



For Greyrock Homes *This Old House* featured custom home, which won HOBI Awards for Outstanding Kitchen and Best Butler’s Pantry, Karen Berkemeyer

explained “We used Woodmode’s rough sawn European oak for its texture and soft matte finish. It was perfect for the casual look with interest. The accessories maximized the storage space. Integrated lighting was used throughout – from undercounter, interior of the pantry cabinet, interior of drawers, inside of glass cabinets and floating shelves. We were able to use our design ideas with the factory for a truly customized kitchen.”



For R.B. Benson’s Spec Home of the Year in Westport, KB Home senior designer, Amy Eisenberg, worked with interior designer, Raquel Garcia to choose tile with plenty of texture, along with soft whites of dolomite in the primary bath. Amy also worked with ASID designer, Diana Sawicki and custom builder Peter Sciarretta, Hemingway Construction, on his HOBI winning custom home at Shippan Point. Beautiful marble tiles and mosaics were used for the primary bath and sandy creams, grays and whites flowed throughout this overall design.

What are luxury homeowners looking for in kitchens and baths?

Karen Berkemeyer had this to say, “Luxury homeowners are looking for texture, color, interesting wood finishes, Integrated lighting undercounter and in the interior of cabinetry. Drawers for storage and for vanities, giving more storage. Built in appliances, microwave drawers, steam ovens, slip resistant mats in deep drawers, metal guards on recycling bins, sink mats in sink bases, corner swing out shelving. Accessories for all individual needs are important. Kitchens and baths need to be customized for the owner’s needs.”

What is KB Home predicting for 2022, and what challenging projects are you working on?

“Cabinetry will continue to be simple, recessed panels or slab doors. Styles will be mixed as well as materials. Interesting wood finishes and stains will be used on islands, butler’s pantry or accent shelving. We are working on an interesting project with 2 colors in the kitchen and wood accent shelving and a patinated zinc hood. The Butler’s pantry will be a high gloss paint with custom tile to coordinate with the high gloss color. The challenge is mixing the finishes together so they harmonize.”

