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Thinking Beyond the Deck

As a former soldier in the U.S. Army working with the Army Corp of Engineers, Tom Pruitt has been to the far corners of the earth, designing and building some of the most challenging engineering projects in the world.

It was through this association that Pruitt learned the skills necessary to build one of the area's most successful residential remodeling and construction firms, Thomas Pruitt Builders—an award winning design / build firm based here in Charlotte. Recently Pruitt's company took top national honors at the national NARI awards.

It was just last year that one of Pruitt's remodeling customers, Willa and Gerry McNeil, mentioned that they were in need of a new deck for their home. Pruitt was already familiar with the home, having just completed a kitchen, master bath and master suite renovation for the McNeil's.

"We had inherited the home and the deck had not been maintained properly over the years," said McNeil. "We knew of Tom's can-do work ethic and asked for his advice on some options for the deck replacement." Like many residential decks, the McNeil's deck was attached to the back of their home on the second story.

Willa and Gerry had seen decorative stamped concrete patios before and liked the durability, ease of maintenance, and dozens of design possibilities with stamped concrete. But since their old deck was elevated, they quickly ruled out a stamped concrete patio, thinking it was an engineering impossibility.

Frustrated with the unreliability of his concrete sub-contractor, Pruitt thought about the McNeil's needs, and turned to his engineering background for a solution and Enduradeck was born.

"I love a good challenge!" said Pruitt. "Our deck construction features our soon-to-be-patented DeckStone process. This process ensures quality construction and lasting permanence with minimal maintenance and unlike wood, an Enduradeck patio will be a permanent addition to your home."

Though it may seem complicated, Pruitt and his business partners, Greg and Aaron Moore, have engineered a solution that offers previously unheard benefits in deck replacement.

"As many homeowners know, wood can splinter, warp, rot, attract insects and eventually need maintenance to slow deterioration," said Pruitt. "Concrete on the other hand, is a permanent solution." And unlike wood, stamped concrete offers



many interesting design options and color combinations. Enduradeck uses tried and true concrete-stamping methods to create the look and feel of much more expensive building materials at a fraction of the cost.

But if the thought of an elevated patio seems odd, rest assured the benefits are numerous.

"Tom and his designers created a permanent metal structure that supports the patio," said McNeil. "But what I like best about our elevated patio, is that it has created an entirely new, completely dry space under the patio for even more entertainment." ♦

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