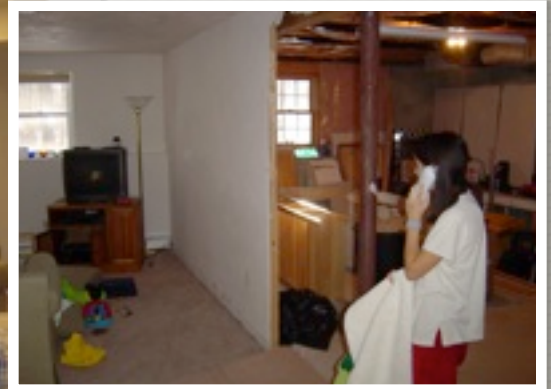




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FUSING THE OLD WITH THE NEW

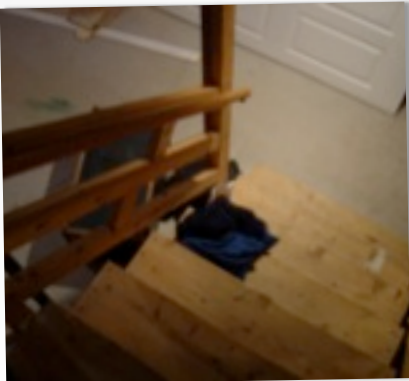
Your book was the inspiration for our basement project!

Hi Dave,

We moved into our home in July 2008. My wife and I knew that the basement needed attention ASAP due to our growing family (and growing toy bins). The basement had previously undergone some finishing but was

poorly designed. This is how it used to be; from the kitchen, the unfinished stairwell (1) led to a large unfinished cellar and utility area. I kept my workshop in the main part of the basement (3). Strangely, access to the finished rooms (playroom, bathroom,

laundry) was through the utility area! Weird! We didn't like this configuration, especially since we have three small children. After getting settled into the new house, we were ready to start the project by December 2008. I had gained some construction



1. STAIRWELL INTO BASEMENT



2. ORIGINAL DOORWAY



3. WORKSHOP

Thanks for the extra square footage!

experience with a basement project in my previous home and knew this time I wanted to consult some books. It turned out that your book was the **ONLY REFERENCE I NEEDED!!** Every major design element in my project was inspired by the pictures, case studies and information printed in Basement Ideas by David S. Schrock. I am not a professional, but your book inspired an amateur to achieve professional looking results at a fraction of the cost of hiring a designer/builder. Every major design constraint was dealt with using your problem solving suggestions. Some major challenges were 3 columns, an oil tank at the bottom of the stairway, HVAC ducting throughout the entire basement and, also the challenge of fusing an existing room with the new room. Here I provide some pictures of

my work and reference the pages from your book where I drew inspiration.

Thanks to you, we're loving our new space and couldn't be happier with the results. Our beautiful new basement has inspired 3 other basement projects (friends and family). We highly recommended that they purchase your book. Once again, thanks for the extra square footage!

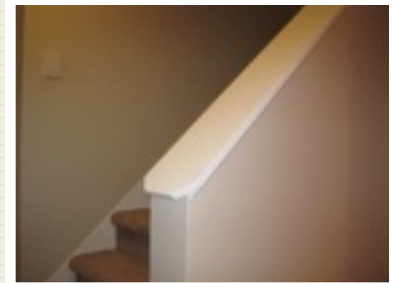
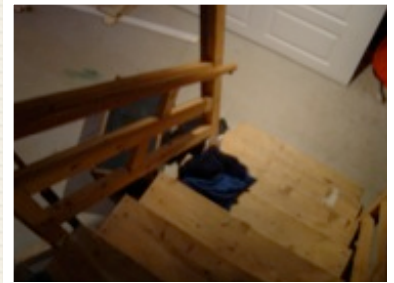
Sincerely,
Jesse McCool
Mendon, MA

MOVIE TIME!

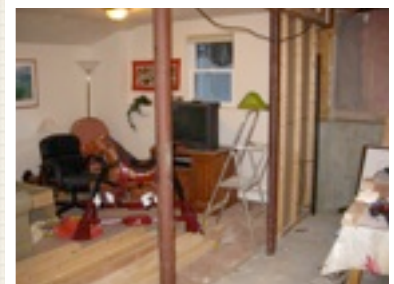


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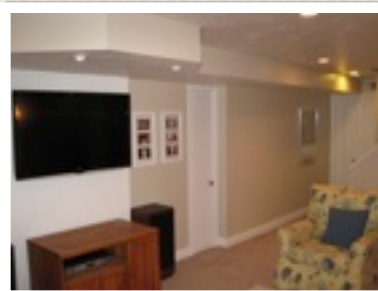
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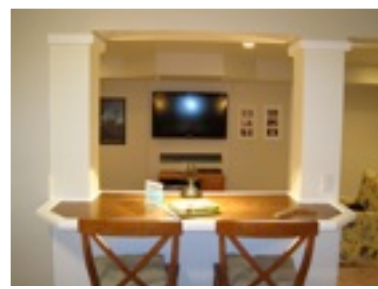
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