



The Elizabethan Manor House

A Modern Interpretation of a Classic English Design

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Wadia Associates is situated downtown in the heart of the affluent New Canaan community. The company is best known for its work in New Canaan, Greenwich, and nearby New York City. Dinyar Wadia is the mastermind behind Wadia Associates. His love for rich architecture was sparked in his native town of Bombay, India. As a young man, he marveled at the majestic, British-style construction of the public buildings. With his mother being from a family of builders, he was naturally inclined towards the occupation. This interest led to a lifelong love of classical architecture. Mr. Wadia started his company in 1975, with his experienced team of dedicated de-

signers. Today, the firm has created the standard in the world of home building and design. Wadia Associates has mastered the art of the traditional design aesthetic, while still providing imitable contemporary living spaces. Mr. Wadia's relentless commitment to quality and attention to acute details has made Wadia Associates the prototype for success in the residential home building and design realm.

Wadia Associates specializes in traditional style homes with specific period details. The company reveled in the building and designing of an Elizabethan manor house for their clients in New Canaan. The Elizabethan Age is known to be one of the high points in English domestic architecture. It was a prosperous time

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The clients were very satisfied with the end result. Their desire was to create the Elizabethan manor home with all the modern day conveniences that we’ve come to know and love. Mr. Wadia and his team are results driven and detail oriented professionals who go above and beyond to satisfy their clientele. This grand dwelling has astounding views, and every modern luxury. With the numerous windows in the front and back of the house, there’s

always plenty of light shining throughout the home, creating a warm and inviting abode. This property is perfect for entertaining friends, its plethora of history and details are sure to engage and interest them. The period details, the history behind the style, and the overall design aesthetic is something that will always be captivating. Wadia Associates are at the helm of home building and designing. They certainly live up to their motto of always creating “Residential Architecture of Distinction.”

in England, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. An Elizabethan manor house intertwines the Gothic and Renaissance styles and creates a unique style all its own. One of its identifying traits is several small windows grouped together and set off by stone mullions. These mullions are used to form divisions between the panes. Another identifying trait is the half timbering, which features the home’s wood framing and the spaces between the wooden timbers are filled with plaster, brick, or stone. The ogre arches with their classic point and ‘s’ shape create a charming and whimsical feel. The Elizabethan manor gained its notoriety in American suburbs in the 1880s after being a popular home style of the elite and wealthy people’s enclave, the grand houses of Tuxedo Park, N.Y.

This Elizabethan manor house is perched on a hill and the house was designed to fit its surroundings. The home has spectacular views. The living room, dining room, family room, master bedroom, and many of the bedrooms all take advantage of the sweeping views that make this home majestic and full of light. The spacious kitchen displays rich mahogany cabinets that have glass coverings in the Elizabethan style.

The large windows allow the sun a lot of light to flood the room and create a proper place to dine or chat. No detail was left to chance, as the front stair that that nature light flooded the breakfast nook in the morning hours and other appropriate rooms throughout day. The staircases are made of mahogany with bronze railings. Ogre arches can be seen throughout the property, as well

as gorgeous limestone rosette carvings. The library is distinctive in that it is made completely out of deep mahogany and accented by a bright white limestone fireplace replete with intricate rosette carving details. The living room fireplace features gold accents made of Carrara, Siena, and Statuary marbles. The family room also features a bespoke, hand-carved, limestone fireplace with large and media colored seating. The glass conservatory allows breathtaking

360 degree views of the property. Brilliant white seating with light touches of blue are the foundation of the room. Lush, green plants were placed on the edges of the room, and provide a clean and organic touch. White double doors open up to the terrace and reveal acres of floor-dying green grass and trees. A lion’s head fountain made of limestone is located in the double height stairwell, and adds to the distinguished ambience of the home. The mezzanine living loggia is surrounded by manicured hedges and boasts a beige and royal blue theme. Although the ceiling is enclosed when the white drapes are drawn in, it is reminiscent of a canopy. Stone bannisters enclose the area, beckoning guest to peer out from the second floor. On the ground level, the



outdoor patio features a light blue crystal chandelier, with white recliner chairs surrounding it. Each set of recliner chairs has its own umbrella. This space is perfect for meeting friends over cocktails and a dip in the pool. The clients were very involved in the decorating of the house and wanted small details from the outside to be carried inside, to create a feeling of cohesion and



Rose Adams Cabinetry & Design

Westport is a charming town nestled in the Norwalk River Valley. Situated right off the coast, this hidden jewel is known for its affluent community, lush green landscape, and rich historic roots. It has managed to maintain its old world sentiment, while still lending itself to the modern luxuries of today. It would only be right to create an interior to match such majestic surroundings. Open, inviting, and full of light are the words that come to mind when viewing this amazing kitchen renovation. The high ceilings pull the eye upward and allow the kitchen's potential to be fully realized. State of the art stainless steel appliances and custom storage make this space ideal for everyday living



as well as entertaining. Beauty and functionality were the main purposes for this customized upgrade. Chandelier lighting coupled with horizontal beams creates a space where modern and traditional styles beautifully intertwine. Antique wood flooring brings warmth and contrast to the hand painted white cabinetry and custom stone sink and counter tops. "The owners were completely involved from start to finish," says Rose Adams, owner of Rose Adams Cabinetry & Design of Westport. A powder room was also added to this project, adding to the overall functionality of the rebuild.

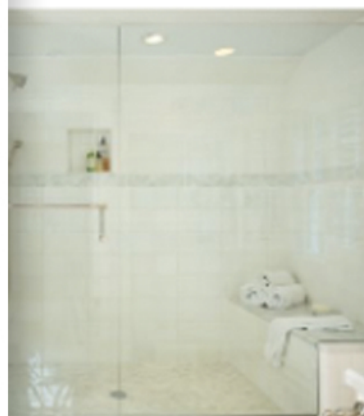
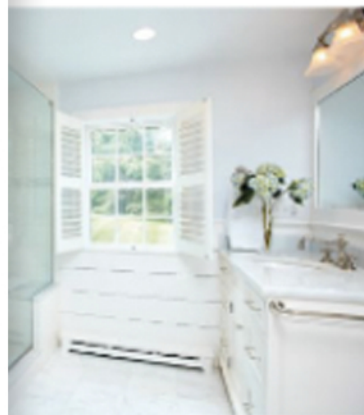
The only restriction in this redesign project was the slab floor under the main section of the kitchen which ran plumbing lines and electrical to the kitchen's island. However, this facet proved not to be a hindrance in the construction of this property, as the owners were very pleased with the finished look. The Stone Workshop of Bridgeport aided in the design of the kitchen by installing custom made stone sinks that added a trendy touch, as well as depth and character.

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TR Building & Remodeling

TR Building & Remodeling, Incorporated, is based out of New Canaan and is an award-winning building design firm. Thirteen miles away, in Pound Ridge is where this custom renovation took place. The historic, colonial style home was built in 1865 and embodies all the charm and character exclusive to the era. This aspect presented unique challenges in the renovation process. The homeowners worked closely with the remodeling team and desired modern amenities incorporated into their master suite project.

Utilizing the existing foot print within the home, the team combined two small bedrooms and a part of a hallway to create a luxurious master suite, spacious walk-in closet, and a master bathroom. A challenge the historic home presented was unconventional framing. Often, the framing is

done with whatever materials were available back then. In this case, the original framing had to be brought up to today's current building codes along with repairs to undulating floors, crooked ceilings, and wavy walls.

TR Building maintained the original ceiling and floor heights to keep the original feeling of the rooms, while creating new interior spaces that reflected the homeowner's

elegant and modern lifestyle. The master bathroom boasted of an all-white décor, complete with a spacious glassed-in shower and wealth of storage space.

The walk-in closet displayed two large customized wooden built-ins on opposite sides of the room and is the epitome of organization and luxury. The master suite was everything the homeowners imagined, modern with an open flow, while still maintaining its colonial style character.

