



Banging out a fitting for a ventilation system is ARJAY Plumbing and Heating owner Bob Christie of Georgetown. The new Georgetown business does industrial, commercial and residential plumbing, installs gas and electric furnaces, fireplaces and water heaters. For more information, contact Mr. Christie at 877-5343.

What people are paying for major remodeling

How much will you have to pay for a specific remodeling job? If you ask a remodeling contractor he won't have the slightest idea until he actually makes a survey of the house, because houses and conditions vary so widely.

But we can tell you the averages. Just remember that many jobs cost a lot more than the average and many cost a lot less.

Prices will vary according to the quality of materials you select, the time it will take to do it, the weather, unexpected job problems and often how much the homeowner interferes with the workmen.

Just be sure to hire a remodeling contractor you can trust, starting with the firm's affiliation with his national trade association (which means he conforms with a national ethical code), and check with your local Better Business Bureau and check references.

Then you can be reasonably sure you are getting value for the money you spend.

A survey of 2,500 remodeling contractors divulged the following:

- Kitchen remodeling, \$7,299. The range here usu-

ally is \$6,000 to \$16,000, including new cabinets, countertops, appliances, sink.

- Bathroom remodeling, \$1,853. This is an extremely low figure, too low to include much bathroom cabinetry beyond a vanity cabinet.

- Bathroom addition, \$5,330. Again, this could not include much cabinetry, a feature that is needed most.

- Room addition, \$15,105. This will depend very much on size of the room. For 400 square feet, it will probably range from \$18,000-\$24,000.

- Adding a second story, \$20,150.

- Enclosing a porch, \$3,897.

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Known for his sensible, no-nonsense advice (e.g. never fall asleep in a closed room full of alcohol fumes, you could

wake up dead), Grotz began sharing his techniques for stripping, sanding, varnishing and staining in a series of columns eventually collected into a volume entitled *From Gunk To Glow or The Gentle Art of Refinishing Antique and Other Used Furniture*, a classic how-to book on how to beautify, preserve and recreate old furniture.

First published in 1952 as a pamphlet and later distributed by Random House, Grotz's volume has become an "underground" bestseller, going back to press for a myriad of printings in four editions, and selling more than 250,000 copies.

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