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“We took this all the way down to the bare walls,” Woodcock says.

Today, the space has a window seat, granite countertops and a farmhouse sink. The warm brown cabinets are made of Lyptus, a sustainable wood comparable in looks to cherry or mahogany. Colorful tiles add another layer of interest and color to the room.

The couple chose a vibrant color palette. The living room is a cranberry color, while the office is a cool mint green.

One bathroom has a delicious palette of pumpkin, cranberry and peach bath tiles. A second bathroom, which Woodcock calls “the French bath,” has sunny yellow wallpaper in a classic pattern from the Provence region of southern France.

The third bathroom is a delight. The tiny half bath off the laundry room has colorful bird-of-paradise wallpaper, a boisterously colored

Mexican sink and a countertop of cheerful Mexican tiles.

Woodcock and Blankenship offer tips for other home remodelers. First, they say, consider if you have the ability to do the job yourself. Second, ask plenty of questions of qualified professionals before you start. And third, have the right tools for the job.

“We were going to rent a tile cutter when we started,” says Woodcock. “Instead, we bought one and have used it for all our tile work.”

In the long run, owning a tool rather than renting will save you money and allow you to do the job on your own schedule.

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1. The family room is a comfortable place to relax with family and friends or watch a movie.

2. The kitchen has a cozy nook for a lazy weekend breakfast.

3. The third bathroom off the laundry room features a brightly colored sink.

4. Close-up of dining room details.