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01-01 Residential Kitchen Under \$30,000

Best residential kitchen remodel with a total project cost* of under \$30,000. Kitchen projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a family room, dining room, mudroom, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

01-02 Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$60,000

Best residential kitchen remodel with a total project cost* of \$30,000 to \$60,000. Kitchen projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a family room, dining room, mudroom, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

01-03 Residential Kitchen \$60,001 to \$100,000

Best residential kitchen remodel with a total project cost* of \$60,001 to \$100,000. Kitchen projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a family room, dining room, mudroom, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

01-04 Residential Kitchen \$100,001 to \$150,000

Best residential kitchen remodel with a total project cost* of \$100,001 to \$150,000. Kitchen projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a family room, dining room, mudroom, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

01-05 Residential Kitchen Over \$150,000

Best residential kitchen remodel with a total project cost* over \$150,000. Kitchen projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a family room, dining room, mudroom, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

02-06 Residential Bath Under \$25,000

Best residential bath remodel with a total project cost* under \$25,000. Bathroom projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a master (clothing) closet, dressing area, or make-up room, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

02-07 Residential Bath \$25,000 to \$50,000

Best residential bath remodel with a total project cost* of \$25,000 to \$50,000. Bathroom projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a master (clothing) closet, dressing area, or make-up room, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

02-08 Residential Bath \$50,001 to \$75,000

Best residential bath remodel with a total project cost* of \$50,001 to \$75,000. Bathroom projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a master (clothing) closet, dressing area, or make-up room, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

02-09 Residential Bath \$75,001 to \$100,000

Best residential bath remodel with a total project cost* of \$75,001 to \$100,000. Bathroom projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a master (clothing) closet, dressing area, or make-up room, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

02-10 Residential Bath Over \$100,000

Best residential bath remodel with a total project cost* over \$100,000. Bathroom projects that include remodeling of any other adjacent space such as a master (clothing) closet, dressing area, or make-up room, etc., should be entered into a Residential Interior category. Only interior photos may be used.

03-11 Residential Interior Under \$100,000

Best residential interior remodel with a project cost* under \$100,000. Includes, but is not limited to, such projects as family or recreation room remodeling, bath or kitchen project with adjacent space, home theater or media rooms, wine rooms, attic conversions, etc. Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. This category does not include room additions or basements. Only interior photos may be used.

03-12 Residential Interior \$100,001 to \$250,000

Best residential interior remodel with a project cost* of \$100,001 to \$250,000. Includes, but is not limited to, such projects

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as family or recreation room remodeling, **bath or kitchen project with adjacent space**, home theater or media rooms, wine rooms, attic conversions, etc. Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. This category does not include room additions or basements. Only interior photos may be used.

03-13 Residential Interior \$250,001 to \$500,000

Best residential interior remodel with a project cost* of \$250,001 to \$500,000. Includes, but is not limited to, such projects as family or recreation room remodeling, **bath or kitchen project with adjacent space**, home theater or media rooms, wine rooms, attic conversions, etc. Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. This category does not include room additions or basements. Only interior photos may be used.

03-14 Residential Interior Over \$500,000

Best residential interior remodel with a project cost* over \$500,000. Includes, but is not limited to, such projects as family or recreation room remodeling, **bath or kitchen project with adjacent space**, home theater or media rooms, wine rooms, attic conversions, etc. Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. This category does not include room additions or basements. Only interior photos may be used.

03-15 Residential Interior Element under \$30,000

This category represents one special interior element of a project with a cost* under \$30,000. It includes, but is not limited to projects such as railings and columns; brick, stone and masonry work; tiling; air conditioning and heating; fireplaces; vestibules; insulation; kitchen hoods; glass block; wall finishes such as plaster; flooring; best use of lighting or lighting control systems, or home automation. Work must have been done to the interior of an existing residential structure, and only interior photos may be used. The residential interior element must be specified in the entry materials and in the descriptive text in order to qualify. This element cannot be included in any other entry.

03-16 Residential Interior Element \$30,000 and Over

This category represents one special interior element of a project with a cost* of \$30,000 and over. It includes, but is not limited to projects such as railings and columns; brick, stone and masonry work; tiling; air conditioning and heating; fireplaces; vestibules; insulation; kitchen hoods; glass block; wall finishes such as plaster; flooring; best use of lighting or lighting control systems, or home automation. Work must have been done to the interior of an existing residential structure, and only interior photos may be used. The residential interior element must be specified in the entry materials and in the descriptive text in order to qualify. This element cannot be included in any other entry.

04-17 Residential Addition Under \$100,000

Best residential addition with a project cost* under \$100,000. Includes, but is not limited to, additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs, which increases livable space of the existing home. The project is limited to one addition per structure. Interior and exterior photos may be used.

04-18 Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000

Best residential addition with a project cost* between \$100,000 and \$250,000. Includes, but is not limited to, additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs, which increases livable space of the existing home. The project is limited to one addition per structure. Interior and exterior photos may be used.

04-19 Residential Addition Over \$250,000

Best residential addition with a project cost* over \$250,000. Includes, but is not limited to, additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs, which increases livable space of the existing home. The project is limited to one addition per structure. Interior and exterior photos may be used.

05-20 Residential Exterior Under \$50,000

Best exterior project with a cost* under \$50,000. Includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as porticos, porches, glass or screen enclosures or greenhouse rooms (unconditioned spaces), windows, dormers, and exterior resurfacings like siding, stucco, etc. which enhances the overall appearance of the exterior. Exterior photos may be used, and interior photos of attached unconditioned spaces may also be used.

05-21 Residential Exterior \$50,001 to \$100,000

Best exterior project with a cost* of \$50,001 to \$100,000. Includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as porticos, porches, glass or screen enclosures or greenhouse rooms (unconditioned spaces), windows, dormers, and exterior resurfacings like siding, stucco, etc. which enhances the overall appearance of the exterior. Exterior photos may be used, and interior photos of attached unconditioned spaces may also be used.

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05-22 Residential Exterior \$100,001 to \$200,000

Best exterior project with a cost* of \$100,001 to \$200,000. Includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as porticos, porches, glass or screen enclosures or greenhouse rooms (unconditioned spaces), windows, dormers, and exterior resurfacings like siding, stucco, etc. which enhances the overall appearance of the exterior. Exterior photos may be used, and interior photos of attached unconditioned spaces may also be used.

05-23 Residential Exterior Over \$200,000

Best exterior project with a cost* over \$200,000. Includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as porticos, porches, glass or screen enclosures or greenhouse rooms (unconditioned spaces), windows, dormers, and exterior resurfacings like siding, stucco, etc. which enhances the overall appearance of the exterior. Exterior photos may be used, and interior photos of attached unconditioned spaces may also be used.

06-24 Residential Detached Structure

Structures such as garages, pool houses, studios, guesthouses, sheds, gazebos, pavilions, etc., remodeled or added to an existing residential property. Interior and exterior photos may be used.

07-25 Entire House Under \$250,000

A project, with a cost* under \$250,000, that remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the entire residential house, inside and outside, or where multiple additions and/or style changes in footprint or elevation have been made in more than one location. The entry must include a description of the portions of the existing structure that were incorporated into the finished project. Pictures and plans submitted with the entry must highlight those portions of the home retained in the new design.

07-26 Entire House \$250,000 to \$500,000

A project, with a cost* of \$250,000 to \$500,000, that remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the entire residential house, inside and outside, or where multiple additions and/or style changes in footprint or elevation have been made in more than one location. The entry must include a description of the portions of the existing structure that were incorporated into the finished project. Pictures and plans submitted with the entry must highlight those portions of the home retained in the new design.

07-27 Entire House \$500,001 to \$750,000

A project, with a cost* of \$500,001 to \$750,000, that remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the entire residential house, inside and outside, or where multiple additions and/or style changes in footprint or elevation have been made in more than one location. The entry must include a description of the portions of the existing structure that were incorporated into the finished project. Pictures and plans submitted with the entry must highlight those portions of the home retained in the new design.

07-28 Entire House \$750,001 to \$1,000,000

A project, with a cost* of \$750,001 to \$1,000,000, that remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the entire residential house, inside and outside, or where multiple additions and/or style changes in footprint or elevation have been made in more than one location. The entry must include a description of the portions of the existing structure that were incorporated into the finished project. Pictures and plans submitted with the entry must highlight those portions of the home retained in the new design.

07-29 Entire House Over \$1,000,000

A project, with a cost* Over \$1,000,000, that remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the entire residential house, inside and outside, or where multiple additions and/or style changes in footprint or elevation have been made in more than one location. The entry must include a description of the portions of the existing structure that were incorporated into the finished project. Pictures and plans submitted with the entry must highlight those portions of the home retained in the new design.

08-30 Residential Historical Renovation/ Restoration Under \$250,000

The renovation/restoration of the interior and/or exterior of a residential structure, or addition to a residential structure, originally built at least 75 years ago with a cost* under \$250,000. Any and all changes are to have closely matched architectural style and building type. Any and all products used are to be of a material authentic in style to the area in which the building was originally built, paying special attention to period trim detail and period coloring. Restoration of missing historic features and added structures are to respect the essential historic character and architectural style of original building design.

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08-31 Residential Historical Renovation/ Restoration \$250,000 and Over

The renovation/restoration of the interior and/or exterior of a residential structure, or addition to a residential structure, originally built at least 75 years ago with a cost* \$250,000 and over. Any and all changes are to have closely matched architectural style and building type. Any and all products used are to be of a material authentic in style to the area in which the building was originally built, paying special attention to period trim detail and period coloring. Restoration of missing historic features and added structures are to respect the essential historic character and architectural style of original building design.

09-32 Commercial Interior

Remodeling performed within the existing walls of a previously occupied commercial space. Clearly define the type of client and the client's needs in the project description. Only interior photos may be used.

09-33 Commercial Exterior

Remodeling performed on the exterior of an existing commercial structure. Clearly define the type of client and the client's needs in the project description. Only exterior photos may be used.

09-34 Commercial Specialty

Includes, but is not limited to, such projects or operations as cosmetic facelift; siding, roofing, insulation; window, door; railing, columns, brick, stone, masonry work; tiling; solar panels; air conditioning, heating; gutters and leaders, etc. Work must have been done to an existing commercial structure. Landscape/Outdoor Living projects done for a non-residential project, whether or not an existing structure exists, may also be submitted in this category. Clearly define the type of client and the client's needs in the project description. The commercial specialty must be included on your entry form and in the descriptive text to qualify.

10-35 Residential Landscape Design/Outdoor Living Under \$100,000

Best residential landscape design/outdoor living project with a cost* under \$100,000. Includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, pathways, driveways, patios, pagodas, outdoor kitchens, decks, terraces, pools, spas, etc. Work is not exclusive to existing structures. Commercial projects should be entered in Commercial Specialty. Only exterior photos may be used.

10-36 Residential Landscape Design/ Outdoor Living \$100,001 to \$250,000

Best residential landscape design/outdoor living project with a cost* of \$100,001 to \$250,000. Includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, pathways, driveways, patios, pagodas, outdoor kitchens, decks, terraces, pools, spas, etc. Work is not exclusive to existing structures. Commercial projects should be entered in Commercial Specialty. Only exterior photos may be used.

10-37 Residential Landscape Design/ Outdoor Living over \$250,000

Best residential landscape design/outdoor living project with a cost* of \$250,000 and over. Includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, pathways, driveways, patios, pagodas, outdoor kitchens, decks, terraces, pools, spas, etc. Work is not exclusive to existing structures. Commercial projects should be entered in Commercial Specialty. Only exterior photos may be used.

11-38 Basement Under \$100,000

Best basement conversion with a cost* under \$100,000. Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. Additions are excluded from this category. Only interior photos may be used.

11-39 Basement \$100,001 to \$250,000

Best basement conversion with a cost* between \$100,001 and \$250,000. Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. Additions are excluded from this category. Only interior photos may be used.

11-40 Basement Over \$250,000

Best basement conversion with a cost* over \$250,000. Work must be done within the existing walls of a residential structure. Additions are excluded from this category. Only interior photos may be used.

12-41 Green - Residential Interiors

Interior remodeling projects that utilize sustainable, eco-friendly standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Residential Kitchens, Residential Baths, Residential Interiors, Residential Interior Element, or Basements (any price point) and must complete and submit the Green Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Kitchen, Bath, Interior, Interior Element, or Basement category separately with additional fee. All Green entries will be judged by NARI Green Certified Professionals. Entries for

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commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

12-42 Green - Residential Exteriors

Exterior remodeling projects that utilize sustainable, eco-friendly standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Residential Exteriors, Residential Detached Structure, or Landscape Design/Outdoor Living (any price point) and must complete and submit the Green Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Exterior, Detached Structure, or Landscape Design/Outdoor Living category separately with additional fee. All Green entries will be judged by NARI Green Certified Professionals. Entries for commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

12-43 Green - Entire House/Addition Projects

Entire House or Addition remodeling projects that utilize sustainable, eco-friendly standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Entire House, Residential Addition, or Residential Historical Renovation/ Restoration (any price point) and must complete and submit the Green Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Entire House, Addition, or Residential Historical Renovation/ Restoration category separately with additional fee. All Green entries will be judged by NARI Green Certified Professionals. Entries for commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

13-44 Universal Design - Kitchen

Kitchen remodeling projects utilizing Universal Design standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Residential Kitchens (any price point) and must complete and submit the Universal Design Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Kitchen category separately with additional fee. All Universal Design entries will be judged by NARI Universal Design Certified Professionals. Entries for commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

13-45 Universal Design - Bath

Bathroom remodeling projects utilizing Universal Design standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Residential Bath (any price point) and must complete and submit the Universal Design Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Bath category separately with additional fee. All Universal Design entries will be judged by NARI Universal Design Certified Professionals. Entries for commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

13-46 Universal Design - Interiors

Interior remodeling projects utilizing Universal Design standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Residential Interiors, Basements, Interior Element, or Additions (any price point) and must complete and submit the Universal Design Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Interior, Basement, or Addition category separately with additional fee. All Universal Design entries will be judged by NARI Universal Design Certified Professionals. Entries for commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

13-47 Universal Design - Exteriors

Exterior remodeling projects utilizing Universal Design standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Residential Exterior or Landscape Design/Outdoor Living (any price point) and must complete and submit the Universal Design Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Residential Exterior or Landscape Design/Outdoor Living category separately with additional fee. All Universal Design entries will be judged by NARI Universal Design Certified Professionals. Entries for commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

13-48 Universal Design - Entire House

Entire House remodeling projects utilizing Universal Design standards and practices. Projects entered in this category must meet CotY criteria for Entire House, Detached Structure, or Residential Historical Renovation/Restoration (any price point) and must complete and submit the Universal Design Category Checklist. Projects entered in this category may also be entered into the appropriate Entire House, Detached Structure, or Residential Historical Renovation/Restoration category separately with additional fee. All Universal Design entries will be judged by NARI Universal Design Certified Professionals. Entries for commercial projects are not eligible at this time.

*Cost is defined as contract price, all extras, change orders and the fair market value of materials and products that were purchased, sweat-equity and in-kind services provided, and/or any subcontract work. The cost of all homeowner provided products, services, or labor should be included in this cost. All mark-ups and profit should be included in the cost provided. For member-owned projects, costs should include normal mark-ups as if the project was contracted to an outside client.

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Deadlines and Fees

Early bird - Nov 5, 2019 - \$175

Standard - Nov 26, 2019 - \$ 195

Late entry -Dec 4, 2019 - \$225

Team Members - \$175

CotY Rules

- Only NARI members in good standing are eligible to participate.
- The entrant company needs to be the NARI member that had complete oversight and supervisory responsibilities for the work completed (not applicable for specialty entries). Other NARI member companies that worked on the project may be included as Team Members (see below).
- The project finish date range varies by program. Refer to the chapter or National awards program homepage. The National program project finish date range is December 1, 2017, through November 30, 2019.
- Only entries that have never been submitted in prior NARI awards contests are eligible.
- Client/Contractor and Photographer's release forms must be completed and returned for each entry. These forms will not be seen by the judges and are the only area where the member's identity (or anyone involved with the project) can be revealed. Forms are available during the entry process.
- Entrants are required to provide a project summary, 100 words or less, *in addition* to their presentation. This summary will be collected via the online form and will be used to describe winning projects after winners are announced. Although the Judges will not see the summary included in this field, this information may be repeated in the presentation.
- Team members may be included in the entry at the National level and if offered at the chapter level. Team members are other NARI member companies that also worked on the project. Team member details will be collected during the entry process.
- The presentation must be submitted in PDF format and can be up to 30 pages long. The file can be up to 15MB. **This presentation is the only file the judges will see.** We suggest using PowerPoint, Publisher, Word, InDesign, or similar program to build your entry, and then save to a PDF file. If you don't have a PDF creator on your computer [you can search](#) for a free version, which will convert any printable file to a PDF file. Be sure to include a project statement, drawings, images, and any descriptive text or captions that will help the judges understand the details of the transformation. 'Before' photos are required and are best used immediately preceding 'After' photos. Present photos from the same angle if possible. Don't include the company name or any individual's names in your presentation, or otherwise identify yourself or the client in any way. Don't use photos with people in them.
- We'll also need the before and after images you included in your project presentation in .jpg, or .jpeg, format. Do not include in-progress images. These images will be used for our



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presentation and promotion purposes and the judges will not view these. Each image must be a high-quality resolution of at least 300 dpi, a minimum of size of 4 x 6 (1200 x 1800 pixels), and no larger than 12 MB each. You can upload up to 20 images, but we require a minimum of 10. If you don't have 10 photos from the project, repeat one of the images to meet the requirements.

- Any photo enhancement is limited to brightness, contrast, or sharpness. No items may be added or removed through photo enhancement techniques. Do not add or subtract items, or change the image in a way that may increase or decrease the value of the project.
- All projects entered in CotY categories must be an improvement or addition to an existing structure. Entries for new structures will not be accepted except where specifically noted in the category description.
- **The same project may be entered in one category or in multiple categories with additional fees.** If you have a large, multi-area project, and would like to enter just a portion of it, it's fine to break it down. For example, if your project included the remodel of an entire house, you can enter an Entire House category **and** enter a Kitchen category, an Interior category, and two Bathroom categories, etc. Keep in mind you will have to break out costs for each project on each entry form.
- The Awards Committee and Judges reserve the right to disqualify, adjust the category, or deduct points from any entry that does not follow these rules and guidelines, without prior notice.
- Entries that are submitted and are not complete will be offered an opportunity to correct these errors subject to an administrative fee as determined by the awards committee.
- All fees are nonrefundable, non-transferable, and cannot be carried over to subsequent years.

The Judging Process

- Winners are selected by an impartial panel of judges who are experts from within the industry. The evaluation process is done without revealing company names. A CotY Award winner is an entry that demonstrates remodeling excellence. Entries are judged on functionality, problem-solving, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, the degree of difficulty, and entry presentation.

NARI National Judging

All entries are judged against other submissions from the same region in the same category to select regional winners. All regional winning entries are then re-judged to select the national winner in each category. On rare occasions, no winner is selected in a particular category if





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NARI standards are not met, and the decision of the judges is final.

- **Regional Judging-(National Program Only)**

Judges begin by individually reviewing all the entries in a category within a region. They may take a preliminary review of that group of entries, and then score the entries one by one. They do not discuss the entries with each other during this phase of the process, and they do not see other judge's scores. Once a category within a region is completed, a regional score for each entry is obtained by averaging the judge's scores. The highest average score obtained, providing the project represents at least a "better than average approach or result," determines the regional winner for each category. The process continues until all of the categories are judged on the regional level.

- **National Judging-(National Program Only)**

The judges will look at each of the regional winners within a category to determine a national winner. During this phase of the process, no score sheets are used, and the previous score sheets are not made available for reference. The judges discuss the projects, each of them sharing their opinions. As a group, they decide on the National winner for each category.

- **Judges Scoring Criteria – All programs**

CotY judges will consider the following questions when reviewing the entries. Be sure your presentation addresses these points when applicable. Points will be awarded on a scale from 1-15. Scores will be made available to entrants after National Winner announcements are made.

- To what degree were the expressed needs of the client met?
 - Did the entry describe the client's needs and desires?
 - Did the contractor show that those needs were met?
- To what degree does the project enhance the existing structures functionally?
 - Do the room's new floor plans function well?
 - Is the counter space or work area adequate to perform necessary tasks?
 - Is there good traffic flow?
 - Is safety addressed adequately?
 - Are the materials functional?
 - Is lighting addressed – both general & task?
- To what degree does the project enhance the existing structure aesthetically?
 - Line & rhythm, continuity & repetition, texture, color & contrast, symmetry & balance, emphasis
- Is there evidence of superior craftsmanship?
 - Moldings, woodwork, stairs, cabinetry, countertops, tile, glass, marble, metal, stone, masonry, etc.
- Were innovative uses of material and/or methods of construction used in the project?
 - Are innovative uses evident, or were any described and noted?



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- Did the contractor overcome difficult obstacles?
 - Were difficult obstacles encountered as described by the contractor and overcome in a creative way?

Residential Historic Renovation/Restoration will also consider the following:

- Were original uses of materials duplicated in the project?
- Were methods of application used to improve or enhance the original style of the structure?

Photo Tips

Since your project cannot be judged in person, good quality photos are key elements in your presentation. Whether or not you use a professional photographer, please keep the following in mind:

- Take “before” photographs before the start of every project. If you make this a standard practice, you will be ready when the job you anticipated to be an average remodel turns out to be a CotY contender. Take these shots from many angles.
- Take photos for work-in-progress if it will help show the complexity of the process or the obstacles encountered.
- Take the “after” shots from the same angles as the before photos whenever possible. This helps give the judges a good perspective of the transformation and it’s helpful if the judges can see these photos consecutively.
- Include both vertical and horizontal photos. If your project is published, it stands a better chance of being featured on a magazine cover if the editors have vertical shots from which to choose.
- Only include photos that will enhance the project entry. Although you have 30 pages to display the project, you don’t need to use them all.