

Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey Hearth Makeover



Overview of remodel

When Tom and Danielle Thornton first built their home, they went with a woodburning fireplace for the look of it. It didn't take long before they realized that their fireplace was made for ambiance and not for heating. The heating season meant adding wood all day before their family room felt warm. That task, they found, ruined the firebrick because the old fireplace was not meant to put out that kind of heat. Tired of the inefficient fireplace, and after doing their homework, the Thornton's decided to replace their old wood-burner with a new efficient model as well as changing the look of the fireplace surround and mantle.

Timeframe

Tearing out the old hearth, surround and fireplace and replacing it with a new efficient woodburning product with a floor to ceiling stone facing took two weeks. According to Danielle, had her family not been sick and passed the illness on to the Coastal Fireplaces staff, the project would have only taken a week.

Product Description

The Thornton's had a BISS CE by Security Chimney woodburning stove insert that looks like a fireplace installed in their home with a wall-to-ceiling Cultured Stone ledge stone face and wood mantel. The product burns at 72 percent efficiency compared to the 20 percent efficiency rating of the old fireplace. The efficiency of this product allows them to heat 1,500 square feet, plus a second floor loft.

Initially, the Thornton's wanted a larger model. "I recommended this unit because it was appropriate to their house set-up and square footage," said Vince Herbert. "Since talking to Danielle, I know she's happy she went with the smaller one, because it's hot in there."

Estimated Cost of Remodel

To install a new fireplace with a redesigned surround and mantel:
\$14,000

Comments About the Experience

"We've received so many compliments on it," said Danielle. "It looks beautiful. Our friends tell us it makes the house."

A year ago the Thornton's contacted Coastal Fireplace to replace their old log hog, but didn't like the designs available to them. After shopping for replacements and unable to find one that fit the country look they wanted to achieve, Coastal Fireplace owner Vince Herbert recommended the Security BISS product which met their criteria for style and efficiency. In addition, Coastal Fireplace installers are NFI-certified, adding an extra layer of professionalism.

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Before



After

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