



Best Basement Finish

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The goal of this basement remodel was to create a room downstairs suitable for a corporate executive to entertain guests. The challenges to overcome included making the bar a focal point, opening up the stairway, providing a place to showcase sports and music memorabilia, making each bathroom unique, adding a sauna/steam shower, providing a play room that could be used for grandchildren, and generally “wowing” anyone visiting the home. Most walls in the 4,400-square-foot space were removed but steel support beams could only be disguised. Stone was brought in to match to accent the bar and match the existing fireplaces. The bar was moved to the center of the rec room and serves as the focal and gathering point. An Elkay Mystique sink, which was the inspiration for the remodel, was undermounted on the bar. Built-in cabinets, etched glass doors, and all the amenities the homeowners wanted — plus a room for massage — were included. The clients kept some existing dark stained, tongue-and-groove paneling, thus giving it an earthy, ranch feel.

