

In 2004, Patty and Billy Dorgan, owners of the Mississippi Krispy Kreme franchise, bought two historic houses on Mobile Bay in Alabama with the intention of constructing two additional buildings and creating a family compound. “Patty and I have special childhood memories of growing up on Mobile Bay,” says Mr. Dorgan. “We wanted to offer that experience to our family as well. We wanted to have enough space for our six children and 15 grandchildren when they visit.”



renovation became more special to us because [the property] used to belong to the Dorgan family and now it's returned to the Dorgan family.” The Dorgans' expectations for the renovations and the new construction were high.

DESIGNER:
*Augusta Tapia,
Kitchens by Design*

HOMEOWNERS:
*Billy & Patty Dorgan, Owners
of Krispy Kreme*

PROJECT:
*Four buildings at the Dorgan
family compound – two new
buildings (a house and office)
– and two 100+-year-old homes*

LOCATION:
Point Clear, Alabama



The Dorgans hired Augusta Tapia of Kitchens by Design in Daphne, Ala., to help them accomplish their goal of restoring two century-old houses to their original state while also designing the new buildings – Mr. Dorgan's office and a guest cottage – in a fashion that reflected the historic integrity of the Mobile Bay area.

Historic remodels require extensive customization. Ms. Tapia had the challenge of establishing a personality for each of the Dorgan's four buildings while also creating a consistent “Old Bay” historic look throughout. She accomplished these goals by utilizing cabinetry from all three lines of Woodharbor Doors & Cabinetry – Rockglen, CastPointe and Woodharbor. “Woodharbor has an excellent ability to customize items,” says Ms. Tapia. “Working with them is a designer's dream. They are very amenable to making adjustments for individual projects.” →

Preserving family history

Not only did the Dorgans find the home of their dreams, they also soon discovered the property could be traced back to Dorgan family ownership in the mid-1880s. “The



Woodharbor was the perfect match

In order for Ms. Tapia to design cabinets for new construction and century-old houses, she needed cabinetry that was flexible,



functional and offered a lot of choices. "In the new buildings and the additions of the Dorgan's historic main house, I wanted to create cabinets with character that looked like they were built a



century ago," she says. "Woodharbor enabled me to do this because they offer a variety of cabinet configurations and molding options for building custom cabinetry."

When Ms. Tapia selected finishes for the cabinetry in the main house, she went looking for something light, since the house had dark wood throughout. "I selected a lot of painted finishes for contrast," she explains. She created an old-house look through the use of aged and glazed finishes and by designing cabinets with attention to detail. "I used a lot of beadboard door styling, parts and pieces to provide character in moldings, and on-lays to give a different, upscale look," explains Ms. Tapia.



close to the cabinetry that we purchased from Woodharbor," says Mr. Dorgan. "The quality is second to none."

High expectations, happy customers

"I can't say enough about the quality of the Woodharbor cabinetry," says Mr. Dorgan. "Augusta has done a fabulous job of blending the new with the old. It really looks original."

Although the Dorgans' general contractor has a cabinet shop, they opted to go with Woodharbor instead. "I don't think, even as good as they are, that they could have come

"When it came to restoring our home, naturally we wanted only the highest quality available on the market today," says Mr. Dorgan. "I feel, with Augusta and Woodharbor, we have been able to accomplish that desire. I'm real proud of the cabinetry and the whole project."