

A Perfect Renovation Solution

All it took was a few visits to their daughter's home in Arizona for the idea to take hold.

"Here we were, in a house in the woods, and every time we got back from Arizona we just kept saying to each other: 'we love our home, but it just doesn't have that look we always wanted'," said the homeowner of a formerly country-style cedar home, nestled deep in the quiet woods of southern Illinois.

Now, thanks to a homeowner's clearly defined vision and the perfect execution of local architect Jeannie Brendel, their dream of a classic southwestern style home has been safely transplanted into America's heartland.

While the differences in appearance in the renovated home is stark, it was a completely unintended benefit of the installation of the new Dryvit system that ultimately made perhaps the biggest difference in the project's success.



"This was not a spur-of-the-moment decision - we had carefully planned and researched the Dryvit system and came away impressed with what it could provide, aesthetically," the homeowner said. "The system's performance record was something that gave us great comfort, in addition to providing us with the exterior appearance we wanted to achieve."

Brendel, the architect, soaked in the somewhat unique notion of a classic southwestern style home and immediately transformed those thoughts into a design that met the homeowner's expectations. In addition, Brendel understood the benefits a Dryvit exterior could provide in the realization of the homeowner's long-term objectives for the project.

Energy Efficiency

“It definitely is a unique look for this area, so it was rewarding to be able to be involved in such an interesting project,” Brendel said. “Obviously, the energy efficiency benefits of the Dryvit system represented additional value.”

It was the extraordinary energy performance of their new Dryvit home that made, perhaps, the greatest impression on the homeowners. As pleased as they were with the outcome of the project, aesthetically, the dramatically lower heating and cooling costs that came with their new Dryvit cladding system was a major plus.

A comparison of the homeowner’s actual energy consumption (see



Heating Consumption		Cooling Consumption	
Year	Gallons Propane	Year	Kilowatt Hours
1997/1998	795	1998	8115
1998/1999	825	1999	7794
1999/2000	805	2000	7647
2000/2001	625	2001	6664
2001/2002	605	2002	6350
2002/2003	625	2003	6347
Avg. w/Cedar	808	Avg. w/Cedar	7852
Avg. w/Dryvit	618	Avg. w/Dryvit	6453
Savings With Dryvit	23.5%	Savings With Dryvit	17.8%
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chart) demonstrates the clear energy advantages of a Dryvit System*.

“We may not have set out to renovate our home with energy efficiency at the top of our list of priorities, but I must confess that the home feels much more comfortable year round. Saving more than 20 percent on our heating and cooling bills over the

course of the year certainly is nice,” the homeowner said.



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* Dryvit cannot guarantee actual savings, as conditions on each project may vary. Each project is different and will achieve varying levels of energy efficiency based on design considerations. The information above provided by the homeowner is representative of their actual experience derived from energy bills.

