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## Diamond Kote

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Ignite your creativity! Your home is a blank canvas for your personal style. Diamond Kote, #1 recognized brand of pre-finished LP Smart-side, is the engineered wood siding product to install. LP has your back with an industry-leading 5/50-year warranty that offers exceptional peace of mind for your home. An advanced paint technology uses the purest metal oxide colorants extracted from rocks. These natural raw pigments don't fade over time, will keep your siding vibrant and protect it from destructive ultra-violet sun rays which cause synthetic tints to fade quickly. Diamond Kote products provide lasting durability backed by a 30-year no fade warranty.

This siding system was created to hide nail heads, eliminates blemishes and offer a more efficient installation. The end result is a flawless finished product that protects your home with ultimate performance.

The pre-finish is designed to be low maintenance, resisting the build up of dirt and grime while locking out moisture. Being easy to clean, combined with a durable finish reduces overall maintenance. Enjoy a durable scratch-resistant finish that withstands the test of time with no peeling, chalking or fading.

Quality matters. Diamond Kote invests in their technology and equipment to provide their customers with products that will last. Create your forever home when you choose from the 30 standard colors making your home as unique as you are. You are going to love the difference it makes!

## Safe In-Home Repair Services During Coronavirus

As we navigate these uncharted waters, there are many services that will still need to be performed in your home. Sechrist Construction and Remodeling would like to offer these tips for both your safety and that of our worker. Together we can limit exposure and spread.

1. Make sure areas of your home to be serviced are clean and safe for the technician to enter
2. If you or anyone in your home is sick, please consider postponing and if emergency, please be upfront with us at time of scheduling
3. Respectfully decline handshakes and try to remain the recommended distance at all times with any tech
4. Request that your technician wear protective gear as needed when entering your home
5. Request that the technician clean and sanitize all equipment and surfaces touched in your home
6. Perform an additional sanitation of areas serviced after your technician leaves

Our company will continue to monitor the evolving coronavirus situation. Our highest priority is the safety of our customers, employees and their families. We want to assure you that we are taking extra precautions and following guidelines set forth by national and local officials, while continuing to serve the needs of our customers. We are being extra diligent in our practice of proper hygiene, cleaning of tools, equipment and areas we service in your home. Our employees are required to report any health concerns and encouraged not to work in the event of illness. Please call our office at any time if you have any questions or concerns, (570) 398-3507. Many thanks for your continued business and now it is even more important to support local businesses throughout and after the threat passes.



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

## Can You Say Baseboard?

An often overlooked detail, baseboard adds character and depth to a space. With so many styles and materials available, from modern to traditional and wood to PVC, it's important to find the look that works for your home and lifestyle. Whether you are renovating or purchasing a new house, you can nail down the baseboard style that's right for your home.

Vinyl—is used in commercial spaces and high-traffic areas. Because it's scratch and stain-resistant, vinyl works well in mudrooms, garages, hallways and playrooms. It comes in a variety of colors and matches to the color scheme of your room well.



Modern—is simple and flat, it creates a consistent, sleek look throughout your home. The flat surface helps to elongate walls, making a home appear larger. For a modern look, it can also be painted the same color as the wall.

Rustic—is for the farmhouse or cabin style living. It is a natural wood tone that keeps the theme with the overall appeal of this type of home and creates a cozy environment without being over the top.

Traditional—is painted quarter round. This type of baseboard works well in classic and contemporary homes. The beauty of it is that it is traditional, simple and versatile. A bold shade of paint or patterned wall paper will be well-framed by a traditional baseboard. Create a clean look by giving your baseboards a fresh coat of white paint and updating walls with a subtle, neutral shade of beige or grey.

## Clever Kitchen Lighting

Lighting is one of the most overlooked yet important elements of interior design. What's the point in creating a beautiful space if there's not enough light to see it?

Concerning under cabinet lighting, plan ahead and have your millworker build a false bottom to conceal the wires during the install. I also like the option of having an electrical strip hidden along the bottom of the cupboards to conveniently plug appliances into.



What about toe-kick lighting? Adding lights to your toe-kicks is not a frivolous, aesthetics-only decision. Strip lighting at the underside of base cabinets is a great way to create a nightlight that looks fabulous and also very functional on dark evenings.

## My First Job

- George Washington, Age 15 - Land Surveyor
- John Adams,—Schoolmaster
- Thomas Jefferson—Lawyer
- James Madison—Colonel
- John Quincy Adams, Age 14—Apprentice to the President
- Andrew Jackson, Age 15—Courier in the Revolutionary War
- James K Polk—US House of Representatives
- Zachary Taylor—Military Leader
- Millard Fillmore—Wool Carder
- Franklin Pierce—Speaker of the House in NH
- Abraham Lincoln—Grew up on a farm
- Ulysses S Grant—Horse Whisperer
- Franklin Roosevelt—Lawyer on Wall Street
- Theodore Roosevelt—New York Assemblyman
- John F Kennedy—Joined the Navy
- Dwight Eisenhower—Grew up on a farm
- Richard Nixon—Butcher
- Ronald Reagan—Lifeguard
- Bill Clinton—Bag Boy
- George W Bush—Oil Inspector
- Barack Obama—Ice cream scooper at Baskin Robbins
- Donald Trump—Recycling Collector

A true friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg, even if you're cracked.



# Email the Expert



Q — We will be selling our home in the fall. We want any home inspection to go smoothly-how do we prepare for it?

Gray and Betsi

A – The answer to this question could be endless but if you have taken care of your home over the course of time you have lived in it, it will be easier. Begin by replacing the burnt-out light bulbs, fix any plumbing leaks and install clean air filters in your heater and air conditioner. Hire a professional to clean your chimney and make sure all your appliances are working properly. Address any visible water damage and check under the counters and in closets, the basement and attic for any deposit of mold. If you have been packing, move all the boxes to the garage and empty the attic. Your home should be clean, sparsely decorated and show ready before an inspector is called in to take a look.

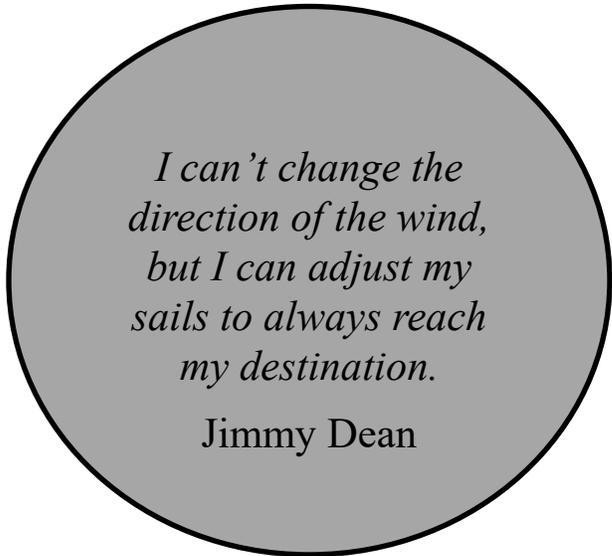
Do you have a question you would like to ask? EMAIL THE EXPERT by sending your question to [steve@sechristconstruction.com](mailto:steve@sechristconstruction.com). Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is required to answer your question.

Sechrist Fire and Water Damage Restoration is a division of Sechrist Construction and Remodeling Inc. For 21 years, Sechrist Construction and Remodeling Inc. has established itself as a premier home builder and remodeling contractor building custom built homes, additions, kitchens, bathrooms and countless other projects. As our customers have entrusted us to build their dream homes and renovate and maintain their existing homes we are proud to officially launch Sechrist Fire and Water Damage Restoration. This division is uniquely trained and ready to assist our customers and this community when the unthinkable happens. Whether it a broken water pipe, a flood, fire, storm damage or mold we will be there to help 24/7. Our emergency response team has been trained through the IICRC as Water Damage Restoration Technicians, Applied Microbial Remediation Technicians and Fire and Smoke Damage Restoration Technicians. We are prepared to be there for you on your home or business's worst day. As Sechrist Construction and Remodeling Inc. we will continue to build, renovate and maintain homes and businesses. Sechrist Fire and Water Damage Restoration will be there for all your emergency needs 24/7.



Keep your kitchen supplied with fresh herbs all year with varieties that thrive on a sunny windowsill or under grow lights. For best results, give each herb its own pot so that you can customize care and give it room to grow.

Perennial herbs, such as rosemary, oregano, thyme, chives, bay laurel and mint are the easiest to grow from young plants that you buy at a garden center. You can use small plants dug from the garden and many herbs can be started from cuttings-like basil and mint.



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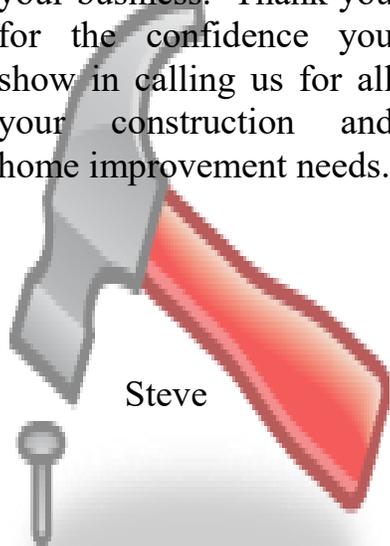


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### FROM THE DESK:

We greatly appreciate your business. Thank you for the confidence you show in calling us for all your construction and home improvement needs.



### Name That Cake

Fill in the blanks with the cake matching the description

1. What kind of cake do you feed your rabbit? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What kind of cake do you eat annually? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What kind of cake does a mouse like best? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of cake does a monkey like? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What kind of cake do you get in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What kind of cake is a big flop? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What kind of cake do you have for breakfast? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What kind of cake goes well on a saucer? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the heaviest cake? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What kind of cake is found on the ocean floor? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What kind of cake is the opposite of #5? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What kind of cake should be eaten in bed? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What kind of cake do you order at a seafood restaurant? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What kind of cake do you find at a fabric store? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Kids can make this cake outside? \_\_\_\_\_



**GREEN TIP:** When you are hiking this summer, bring tap water in reusable water bottles, snacks in reusable containers, leave the trail cleaner than you found it, unplug, follow the trail rules, stay on the path and enjoy the trek.