

HOME BUILDERS + REMODELERS

J. FITZSIMMONS BUILDING

For the team at J. Fitzsimmons Building, the act of bringing a design to life is more than nuts and bolts. Led by namesake Jeffrey Fitzsimmons, the firm has become known for going beyond the bounds of the average contractor. Informed by the Victorian influence of San Francisco and the modernity and spatial challenges of New York City, to which they've traveled to complete a range of successful projects, J. Fitzsimmons' experts bring to the table an understanding of architectural vernacular. It's a valuable asset for their prime collaborators. "As a general contractor, I feel it's very important to work with design professionals through the entire building process," Fitzsimmons says. "For me, this includes our full attention to and communication with the homeowner and architect throughout the entire project. Weekly site meetings, daily check-ins and the occasional end-of-day informal visit can be some of the most important moments on a project." This is arguably especially true when executing a remodel—something J. Fitzsimmons does a lot of. Fitzsimmons and his team have made a specialty, in fact, out of the renovation of historic single-family homes in the Bay Area. Even so, they are currently working on building a residential/commercial mixed-use building, in the Mission District, from the ground up.



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Ask the Expert

What style is your firm most known for?

With the help of some great architects and designers, we have brought modern sensibilities into the Victorian, Edwardian and California Craftsman elements characteristic to this region.

Up to this point, what do you feel has been your greatest success?

Transformations. We recently turned a rather ordinary beige stucco home in San Francisco into an impressively designed modern house, through which the owners can finally take advantage of an amazing hilltop view of downtown. In another home, the brick exterior, wood-paneled entryway and grand staircase from 1906 had nothing ordinary about them! Yet we renovated the kitchen and its six bathrooms to bring some modern luxury and convenience.

1. A stairway and mezzanine guides one up to the loft bedroom of this apartment in The Gretch in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. **2.** In this home designed by Robert Stiles Architecture, the interior designers at ABD Studio created a kitchen where beautiful materials blend varying textures and hues for an eclectic feel.

1. Photography courtesy of J. Fitzsimmons Building
2. Photography by Suzanna Scott Photography