

However, he did it for his wife, Tamy, who loves the charm of older homes.

"I had always wanted to do one (a house) over and I have now satisfied that," Tamy said. "It's work, but there is a lot of satisfaction in looking around and knowing you did it."

Everywhere Tamy looks she sees one of the many transformations. The couple has redone the house top to bottom, inside and out.

During their first year in the home, the Cassadys tore into many projects at once and tolerated the chaos.

Later on Tamy said, "We calmed down and did one thing at a time."

A major project was refinishing all the upstairs oak floors.

Another monumental task was stripping every inch of the age-darkened oak trim in the home. In a Craftsman-style house, that is a lot of trim — the master bedroom alone has five windows and

three doors.

Stripping the three walls of windows in the year-round porch took months. The project took an unusual tolerance for "living in a mess."

The Cassadys got used to living with disorder. When they gutted their kitchen, it was off limits for six weeks.

"That going out to eat is not as great as it sounds," Tamy said.

real trooper. He never knew what new project Tamy would have started when he came home from work.

Mike learned to do a lot, even to do drywall and lay ceramic tile.

"But I won't go as far as to say he liked it. We weren't like Dean and JoAnn on Home and Garden TV," Tamy said.

Tamy is not afraid to take on big endeavors herself. By trial and error, she became an "expert window glazer" and singlehandedly reglazed all the first story windows and storm windows.

Tamy has a passion for decorating. In seven years, she has redecorated the kitchen five times and the huge master bedroom twice. She is always planning a new improvement.

She made all the curtains for the home and hand painted designs on the walls of one bedroom to match the bedspread.

