

Decorating Trends

Domes, Vaults And Arches For Your Home

(NAPSA)—Things are looking up in many homes these days—because people are looking up at such architectural wonders as ornamental domes, vaulted and tray ceilings, curved archways and soffits. These elements have long been popular in commercial buildings, replacing traditional flat walls and ceilings. Now, advanced technology lets homeowners enjoy the same three-dimensional designs.

Key to this is a new ceiling suspension technology. The system uses pre-engineered, integrated components that eliminate guesswork and reduce installation time by up to half. As a result, homeowners can request more dramatic add-ons to a new residence or remodeling project.

The technology, known as the USG Drywall Suspension System, was developed by the same company that invented SHEETROCK® Brand Gypsum Panels and later introduced the first acoustical ceiling panels. It can be installed easily by just about any remodeling contractor or carpenter in a variety of ways:

- Soffits are typically used to fill in the open spaces between the ceiling and the tops of kitchen wall cabinets. They can also add dramatic flair and define specific spaces. You can have a curved, boxed or stepped soffit to create a variety of different looks.

- Create ornate ceiling treatments in the master bedroom with tray or coffer ceilings and even domes or vaulted ceilings.



The old-fashioned way of achieving dramatic architectural looks was time-consuming and expensive, but a drywall suspension system can add incredible architectural detail to your home without breaking your budget.

- An arched hallway, vaulted ceiling in an entryway or living room, or a barrel ceiling over a sunken tub in a master bath, paired with unique lighting, can add a distinctive look to your home.

- When it comes to finishing off a basement, the drywall suspension system can be wrapped easily around offending pipes and ducts to provide an economical way to hide mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems during renovations. It also creates a smooth ceiling surface for maximum height with minimum clearance.

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