

remodeling

HOW THEY BUILT IT

A Salute to Outer Beauty

This design-build team had to deal with the challenge of gutting an entire exterior of a home in Oakton, Va.

Winn Design + Build

To update the exterior of this home, [Michael Winn and his team](#) had to start with a complete gut job in Oakton, Va. The house had an Exterior Insulated Finish System (EIFS), designed to be water-resistant and block moisture, but a home inspection revealed that moisture and water damage actually were being made worse by the EIFS. The homeowner then brought in Winn and his team to remediate the damage.

“Once it was determined the scope of the damage was such that it couldn’t really be mitigated or repaired in any effective way, the decision was just to get rid of it all together,” Winn says. “We essentially re-skinned the entirety of the home.”



(Photo courtesy of Greg Hadley for Winn Design)

The team had the challenge of removing the mess left over from the removal of the EIFS, which has

Styrofoam compressed components that are glued together. To get rid of the EIFS, the team had to scrape the Styrofoam sheeting off the house, causing a containment issue for Winn and his team. “It was the most dramatic case [of EIFS] that we had to deal with,” Winn says.

The complete stripping of the home’s exterior then allowed the team to play with a blank canvas, replacing the plywood sheeting with fiber cement siding and stone to give the home fresh architectural appeal. Winn also replaced the existing windows and added a new window to the front of the house. The result was a dramatic before-and-after transformation that adds significant curb appeal.