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# A Garage Conversion

## That Sparks Inspiration

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InSite Builders & Remodeling turn a detached garage into a light-filled art studio

Finding new uses for underutilized spaces in homes continues to be a trend in the renovation industry. What started with the pandemic is now the norm. From basements to attics to garages and more, many homeowners are choosing to stay where they are and renovating their homes to get the extra spaces they need, instead of moving.

For one Bethesda, Maryland couple, it was the perfect time to do something about their detached two-car garage. Besides the fact that it was rarely used, the owners were never fond of the look of the structure, especially with its metal siding. Calling on longtime friend Stephen Gordon, president of InSite Builders & Remodeling, [www.insiteremodeling.com](http://www.insiteremodeling.com), the homeowners and remodeler mapped out a plan to convert the garage into an art studio. For two decades, one of the owners had been painting in their dark basement. So, on the top of their list of must-haves was adding as many windows and doors as possible to let in an abundance of natural light.

InSite started by removing the siding, then adding the requested large windows and sliding glass doors and installing a low-heat LED lighting system along the now vaulted and beamed ceiling. Homasote, a fiberboard, was added to two walls so the owner could tack his canvases directly to the walls for painting his large-scale abstract artwork. The new contemporary building is not only spacious enough for the resident artist, but also has enough room to host art shows and small gatherings.

