

To DIY or hire, that is the question

By Andi Peterson Brown

I don't know about you, but last night when I watched the same commercial from Lowe's four times in 30 minutes that kept telling me to Never Stop Improving, I have to say that it worked. They got me. All of a sudden I had a burning desire to improve something, anything. It was 9:15 at night but I wanted to jump in the car right then and there and drive to Lowe's to buy brushes and cans and sprays and plants and on and on and on...

They made it look so fun, so happy, and so relaxing to repaint the house, landscape the yard, and sandpaper the front porch. The sun was shining, everyone smiled as they worked - I mean how could you not want to sandpaper your front porch when it could bring such joy?

Sure there are lots of projects that are a-ok to stock up at Lowe's for and do-it-yourself, but many are better left to the professionals. So how do you know when to hire a professional? Hire a professional when:

- The project is elaborate or extensive. Adding on? Rebuilding kitchen cabinets? Call an expert.
- You just aren't handy with a hammer and never will be.
- You don't have the time. If you don't have the time, you will end up with 2/3 of a completed project. Trust me.



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One-Story Campolindo Charmer with Large, Level Yard

New listing



394 Calle La Montana, Moraga

This 3 bedroom, 2 bath, single-story Campolindo charmer is ready for you to move in and enjoy! Featuring newly refinished hardwood floors, a remodeled kitchen, and dual-paned windows, the home opens onto a large, level yard with grassy area, play structure, deck, patio and open area beyond. There is also a large side yard for boat or RV parking, bike riding, basketball and more. With an excellent commute location and close to Campolindo High School and the Cabana Club, this could be the one you've been waiting for. **Offered at: \$879,000**

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Lamorinda Home Sales recorded

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63 Bates Boulevard, \$1,099,000, 3 Bdrms, 2126 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 3-28-14

1 Camino Del Cielo, \$1,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 4901 SqFt, 2003 YrBlt, 3-31-14; Previous Sale: \$1,400,000, 06-25-10

60 Davis Road, \$1,525,000, 4 Bdrms, 3346 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 4-2-14

58 East Altarinda Drive, \$1,205,000, 4 Bdrms, 2290 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 4-8-14; Previous Sale: \$470,000, 03-29-91

5 Francisco Court, \$921,000, 3 Bdrms, 1322 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 4-1-14; Previous Sale: \$465,000, 11-30-00

120 Glorietta Boulevard, \$859,000, 3 Bdrms, 1621 SqFt, 1945 YrBlt, 3-28-14

11 Los Cerros, \$1,187,000, 4 Bdrms, 2959 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 4-2-14; Previous Sale: \$1,050,000, 05-21-02

18 Mira Loma Road, \$1,360,000, 3 Bdrms, 2546 SqFt, 1930 YrBlt, 4-8-14; Previous Sale: \$1,375,000, 06-17-08

112 Spring Road, \$760,000, 2 Bdrms, 1395 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 3-31-14; Previous Sale: \$475,000, 07-29-11

18 Sunnyside Lane, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2788 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 4-1-14