



## **Jodi Marks**

Born the first of twin girls in Rome, Georgia, Jodi Marks had construction in her blood from the beginning when her father brought the family construction business with him to the South from California. She has been doing home improvement ever since she was old enough to follow her dad around offering to hold the flashlight or getting the tools out of the toolbox. During her summers growing up, Jodi would “walk the job” with her dad on his different building sites, making sure everything was in order.

After completing a degree in Psychology at the University of South Carolina, Jodi went to work for her father’s construction company as project manager. Shooting grades and assisting the crew in tilting panels, Jodi knew she had found a home in and around construction and started renovating her house and helping friends and family with their own. While working construction by day, Jodi began taking film classes at night and doing commercial/industrial work around the Atlanta area.

In 1995, Jodi was one of thirty applicants accepted to the Royal National Theatre in London, England for their Summer Training Program. While there, she studied under Richard Eyre, Fiona Shaw, and Tony Award Winner Janet McTeer.

Jodi’s love of theatre and her blueprint knowledge collided in 1997 when a call came from Home and Garden Television (HGTV) selecting her to co-host the series Fix It Up! Other credits for HGTV include covering The National Hardware Show from 1997-2005, Home Watch, Great Fall Fix Up, Blitz Build 2000, and Christmas Across America.

In 2002, Jodi was asked to join the team at Turner South to co-host a home improvement show highlighting stylish living in the South called Southern Home by Design. In 2003, TBS brought Jodi on board their original programming line-up as construction expert for the weekly series The Man Made Movie.

Jodi and co-host, Paul Wilson, collaborated in 2007 to create The Tile Doctor series. Available online and in select home improvement stores nationwide, these videos teach just about every facet of tiling for your home. And due in stores in 2009, Jodi and co-author, Steve Schultz, are writing a home improvement book that tackles basic and intermediate projects encountered by homeowners.

In 2008, Jodi joined *Today Homeowner with Danny Lipford* where she continues to host the “Best New Products” segment.

Jodi earned her General Contractor’s license and Real Estate license in the great state of Georgia and has been putting both to work in renovating/flipping houses when she isn’t shooting in front of the camera. Jodi also has taken her construction and painting skills behind the camera to be a part of the Film/Television explosion that is happening in Atlanta. “I love it when a major motion picture is in town or a hip television series is filming and I get the call to come join in the fun of creating that movie magic! It’s an awesome community of creative and wonderful folks from all over the country. I learn so much every day I am there and it makes me a better person and a better contractor.” Jodi enjoys traveling to various cities to participate in seasonal home and garden shows.

When she’s not shooting in the studio or on location, Jodi can be found taking time out with her family to enjoy camping, fishing and the great outdoors.

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