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# This Old House

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The Duce is in the details of this elaborate paneled archway.

## WHATEVER IT TAKES

*Duce Construction Corporation,  
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Rory McCreesh takes on seemingly impossible jobs from South Florida to the South Bronx. Case in point: In the wake of last year's devastating hurricanes, many Florida homeowners couldn't get local contractors, so they called the New York-based McCreesh. Within two weeks, he had eight of his key team members relocated

and mobilized for eight months of rebuilding. Then there was the time a New York couple wanted to get married in the house he was renovating for them. McCreesh's crew put in 10-hour days, seven days a week to finish the job just in time for the nuptials—and two months ahead of schedule. "It was a tremendous challenge, but my guys were great," says McCreesh. So great that the contractor was invited to the housewarming.



## **92 CONTRACTORS & BUILDERS**

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