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kitchen by **Small Carpenters at Large**

[approximately \$70,000]

With its sleek, minimalist styling and clean, modern feel, this contemporary kitchen was once built but painstakingly gutted down to its studs and reimagined with a new design. The result is a bright, open kitchen that's both functional and beautiful. [before]



Photos courtesy of Small Carpenters at Large

Jaime and Todd Craig were married recently, but before she would move into his home, she knew the kitchen would have to change. "I love to cook a lot, and I knew I wouldn't be able to deal with that kitchen," Jaime says. It was an old-fashioned, all-white galley kitchen that was attached to a mudroom and pantry on one side and separated from the den by a solid wall. "It was tiny, and now it's longer and much more open," Jaime says.

The mudroom and pantry were inefficient, and were blocking any natural light from reaching the kitchen, so Small Carpenters at Large helped them remove the pantry and open the kitchen up to the den, creating more space and light. Since the homeowners wanted a contemporary look, they brought in new, up-to-date stainless steel appliances and created backslashes from stainless steel and tile.

The blue and brown color scheme is repeated throughout the kitchen, in the tile



Create a contemporary kitchen that opens up to the den

backplash, paint and cabinets. Including two different cabinet colors not only adds to the contemporary feel, but it also makes the kitchen seem more spacious. Finding the perfect paint color turned out to be one of the trickiest parts of the project. "I had seen this blue in a magazine, but every time I took the magazine to the store to find a match, I didn't have any luck," Jaime says. "Then, when BEA opened, I realized it was BEA blue. After that, it was easier to find."



One of the homeowners' favorite parts of the new room is the peninsula that extends out between the kitchen and the den, unifying the two spaces. "We sit there all the time, and it's great when we have company," Jaime says. "Whenever we have a little get-together, everyone gathers around that spot. I love that I can be working in the kitchen and still interacting with people in the den." ❧

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Cabinets: Masterpiece by Merillat

Plumbing fixtures: Hoenigrobs & Starco

Appliances: GE Monogram

Tile: Hazzard

Paint: Sherwin-Williams

Floor Plan BEFORE



Floor Plan AFTER



bathroom by **Small Carpenters at Large**

[approximately \$21,400]



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Rebecca Locke has lived in her '50s ranch home for about 10 years, but she waited patiently before beginning her remodel. "We live in a neighborhood where all the homes were built by the same builder, and over the years, we've watched to see how our neighbors have updated their homes," Rebecca says. "We wanted to make sure that any remodeling we did kept with the style of the house."

When they began the remodel, with the help of Small Carpenters at Large, it started as a kitchen project, but they decided to go ahead and spruce up the downstairs bath, which also serves as the guest bath, while they were at it. "The bathroom had old plumbing, a leaky window and an unstable floor," Rebecca says. "The floor was actually done with wall tile, and it was cracked all over."

Plumbing fixtures: Kohler and Hansgrohe

Medicine cabinet: Hixon

Paint: Sherwin-Williams

Tile: Crossville and Merill

PHOTOS: JEFF MOYER

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They did not want to change the shape or size of the space, but they did want a more spacious feel. To accomplish this, they replaced the bulky fixtures with more efficient ones, added a clear glass shower door, and replaced the small window with a large, glass-block window to allow more natural light into the room while still maintaining privacy.

The highlight of the room is the tile, which adds a personal, creative touch to the space. "I love the pebbled look and feel of the floor," Rebecca says. "It's usually a function-over form person, but in this case, both worked out perfectly."

One of Rebecca's favorite things about the room is the color of the tub, sink and toilet. "They are actually tea green, but in the room, with the tile and lighting, they look off-white," she says. "I love having the little sector of knowing that they are really a different color."

In the end, the update came together just as they had hoped. "We wanted it to look different, cool and modern, but still keep with the original style of the home," Rebecca says. "We definitely accomplished that." ❊



**Update the style of the bath
without losing the '50s-ranch
style of the space**

Room With a Hue

Discover the hot colors for Atlanta's kitchens and baths
by Rachel Provov

Homeowners everywhere are constantly redecorating. Some simply feel the need for a fresh coat of paint or a new set of curtains, while others are planning complete overhauls. With so much redecorating going on, it's interesting to see which colors and finishes area residents are using to transform their kitchens and bathrooms.

Pick a shade

Jill Weber, president of the local chapter of NKBA and owner of Kitchen Connections Inc., says that there are some hues that she sees more than others in kitchen decor.

According to Weber, the most popular cabinet finish choices are cherry, antiqued or black rub-off. Antiqued cabinets are primarily sage green, buttery yellow or white in color. These types of cabinets are often paired with rusty brown and red accents, but numerous other color combinations are possible with any of the shades.

"Overall, Atlanta homeowners are starting to use more color, but they are bringing it in with accents and not in the main room theme," Weber says. "It is rare that I see people pick bright, in-your-face primary colors."

Atlantans tend to make safe choices when it comes to selecting colors, according to Weber. Most residents stick with neutrals for walls, which may be a result of the city's transient residents and their focus on resale. The boldest color Weber sees most often is red, and she says that in some sense, red is becoming a neutral.

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MANY ATLANTA HOMEOWNERS are choosing neutrals for walls and cabinets with pops of color in plants, lighting and accessories.

Cooking in color

Several companies have recently debuted colored appliances, but Weber is not seeing the trend take off in our area. In her opinion, people still remember the orange, avocado and brown appliances of the '70s and fear they might date themselves once again with newer colors. Stainless steel appliances are still the most popular, and numerous homeowners are paneling their appliances so they blend in with the cabinetry.

As for kitchen hardware and fixtures, the current trend is antique copper. The copper that homeowners are choosing for their kitchens is an oxidized version that gives the impression of being antiqued or weathered. According to Weber, the copper works best when used in a beige or brown natural stone setting.

In order to achieve the natural stone or classic kitchen look, granite is still the most popular material for countertops. Weber says that the granite hues homeowners choose depend on the cabinetry being used, but that the preferred look is medium to dark hues with light cabinetry and vice versa. She does recommend selecting granite slabs before fabricating if a client is particular about color variation.

A beautiful bath

Aside from kitchens, bathrooms also are receiving a lot of attention when it comes to redecorating. According to Rebecca Ewing, of Rebecca Ewing Color & Design, the spa trend is the most popular theme for current master bathroom design.