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\$54,300

Glass-front details in the upper cabinets keep them from appearing too heavy. Designer Amanda Johnson suggested adding panel detailing on the back of the island to provide an attractive view from the breakfast area.

Hidden Potential

Custom-designed storage keeps this kitchen organized

Before & After Kitchens

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Before

LEFT: The original white cabinetry wasted storage space by stopping short of the ceiling. The mammoth refrigerator served as a catch-all for paper clutter.

THE RENOVATION

What Was Done

- Removed old stock cabinets and replaced them with custom maple units
- Extended cabinetry to the ceiling to maximize storage
- Replaced an awkward pantry closet with an integrated panty cupboard
- Created a column-topped cabinet to visually divide the kitchen from the dining room
- Replaced the solid surfacing countertops with granite and wood



BEFORE

ABOVE: The kitchen was completely open to the family room with no visual break, exposing the entire room to an unattractive view of the side of the refrigerator.



AFTER

LEFT: A low cabinet placed between the kitchen and family room offers extra storage, plus additional counter space. The cabinet also acts as an attractive room divider.

FLOOR PLANS: STEVEN STAMMERWITZ

This Atlanta kitchen had everything the homeowners needed, an adequate layout, abundant light and an ample space. The problem was its decidedly lackluster appearance—especially the original builder's grade white stock cabinetry and worn solid-surface counters.

Working with designer Amanda Johnson, of Atlanta's Small Carpenters at Large, the owners created a design that renovated the kitchen without

changing its layout. To keep the cost down, they also wanted to preserve the existing wood flooring and minimize any changes to the ceiling or lighting plan.

"This project gave the homeowners an up-to-date, yet classic kitchen that preserved the positive aspects of the space," says Johnson. The designer started by replacing the drab cabinetry with custom maple cabinets that extended to the ceiling. The new cabinets featured inlay door panels, rope and crown

Before & After Kitchens

TRANSFORMING A KITCHEN TO BETTER
FUNCTIONALITY AND STYLE



ABOVE LEFT: The cabinets in the original kitchen floated awkwardly on the range wall, offering little storage. Counter space was also reduced both by the placement and the size of the range.

ABOVE: The pantry cupboard at the edge of the range wall and the large drawers on either side of the range are custom outfitted for maximum storage. The subtle arch in the tile backsplash behind the range echoes the arch in the cabinetry surrounding the vent hood.

molting, end panels and decorative feet that created the appearance of fine furniture.

A new island with a single-level countertop and custom detailing replaced an existing split-level island that wasted valuable counter space. Installing a smartly integrated pantry cupboard helped eliminate the bulky projection of a former pantry closet. What's more, placing the pantry cupboard at the end of the range wall run of cabinets allowed for more countertop space. Finally, an elegant new sideboard-like cabinet divides the living room from the kitchen.

Other small touches have helped make a big difference. A chocolate-colored glaze on the cabinets, creamy off-white tiles, and handsome granite-and-wood countertops all lend warmth to the space. A well-placed spotlight highlights art and flower displays on top of the sideboard cabinet. And clever storage ideas, like a two-tiered pullout utensil cupboard, wine storage grid, and phone and office cubbies make this kitchen as efficient as it is lovely. "The old kitchen was a nondescript space, but now it is a highly functioning focal point to the home," says Johnson. ■



ABOVE: The column-topped cabinet provides storage on the kitchen side and a place to arrange furniture on the family-room side. The wood countertop, rope detailing and feet give it the appearance of fine furniture.

Defining Details



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WHAT IT COST

Kitchen Cabinets	\$25,000
Contractor	11,000
Appliances	8,200
Countertops	4,100
Flooring	2,000
Plumbing	1,800
Lighting	1,500
Backsplash	700
Total	\$54,300

May 18, 2006

Theresa Same
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Dear Ms. Same,

This is regarding the incorrect cost listing in the article "Hidden Potential: Custom-designed storage keeps this kitchen organized." featured the Spring issue of Woman's Day Home Remodeling & Makeovers Magazine. I called Suzanne Zha and apologized for my mistake in listing the actual cost of the kitchen.

You had ask that we issue a correction in the next issue - Since we publish 5 issues a year our next issue had already gone to the printer when I received the request - so I am going to make the correction in our August issue.

I wanted to be sure to get it right this time . Here is how the correction will read - please let Mrs Zha know about this correction since I don't have her address.

Correction:

The kitchen "Hidden Potential , on page 56 of Home Remodeling & Makeovers Volume XVI Number 1, 2006, was incorrectly listed as \$54,300. The actual cost of this kitchen was \$73,000.

Let me know if there are any changes to this by June 7th.

This will be listed in the resources section of the August Home Remodeling & Makeovers Magazine on sale August 15th.

Please accept my apologies for any disappointment I have caused. I hope you will consider working with the magazine in the future. I can assure you that this will never happen again.

Sincerely,



Barbara Winfield
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