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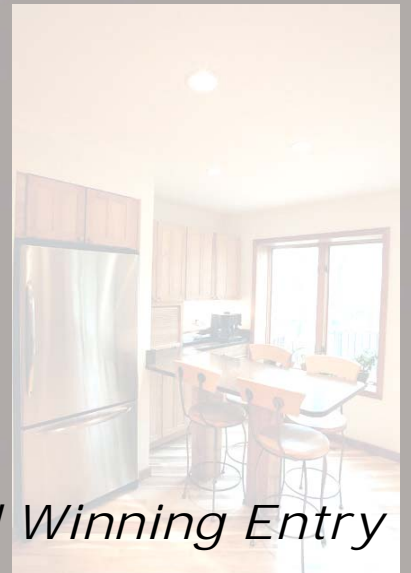
Project Category:  
Kitchen/Bathroom Under \$30K

"Functional Luxuries"

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*Award Winning Entry*



*Before: The refrigerator was confined against the adjacent pantry closet wall.*

Although the house is less than ten years old, the clients felt confined by the original owners' kitchen. First, the refrigerator opened against an adjacent wall, and a small closet did not function well as a pantry. Second, the kitchen had some unused space, too small for a dinette table and without an eat-in breakfast bar. Third, the laminate counter tops were not longer acceptable in color or style, the cabinets were attractive and in good condition, and to replace them would have been wasteful since the basic layout of the sink and cook top work well. Finally, dreary track lighting left unacceptable shadows in the work areas.

We were able to address all the problems within the clients' budget, allowing them to replace the tile with wood flooring to complete the main level of the house.

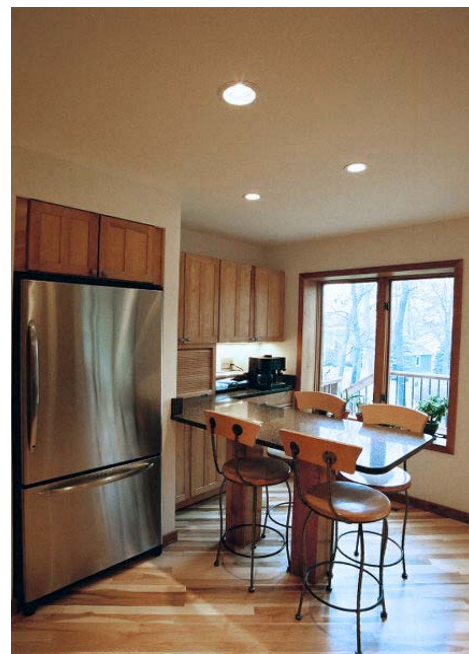


*Before: The counter tops and tile floor did not meet the clients design ideals.*

The identical cabinets (doors and color) were still available. By moving the refrigerator to the pantry closet location, we created a “built in” effect with an inexpensive refrigerator. A double-door pantry cabinet and a pair of wine racks fill the former refrigerator space, allowing comfortable access and more usable space with roll-outs.

The empty wall space adjacent to the new refrigerator was filled with new cabinets and a tambre-door cabinet to hide charging cell phones and the toaster. A new peninsula extends into the unused central space, allowing seating for four. The original counter tops were removed and replaced with Silestone countertops, which have a beautiful combination of black and beige complementing the mild red-stained maple cabinetry. Finally, the track lighting was removed, and new dimmable halogen can lights were installed, with smaller decorative lights over the peninsula and under-cabinet lighting to serve this area.

*A pantry cabinet and pair of wine rack cabinets utilize the space better than the former refrigerator.*



*A new breakfast bar utilizes space more efficiently than the former kitchen table and space for “occasional” storage provided by the new base cabinets.*

*The entry hall leading to the kitchen is now more functional and inviting without the refrigerator protruding excessively.*

**Final Assessment & Results:**

This transformation fully serves the needs of the clients and was completed for a very reasonable price. The price of this remodeling provides two-fold value to the homeowners: they will enjoy the space for years to come, and surrounded by lakefront homes, their investment will be



*New lighting placed properly overhead avoids the shadows caused by the former track lighting.*

**Specifications of Note:**

Cabinetry:	Kraftmaid, Maple.
Counter tops:	Silestone, Kona Beige
Sink Faucet:	Kohler Fairfax in Brushed Nickel

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