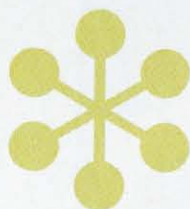




Painted the same color as the walls, this wooden kitchen cart provides storage and an additional work surface.



Smart design
and timeless
materials create
a space that
will serve well for
years to come.

A Kitchen FOR Keeps



BEFORE

COOL IT

Featuring French-door styling and bottom-mount freezer configuration, the stainless refrigerator is great for the homeowners, who love to cook with fresh foods and store minimal frozen goods.

Now that their youngest child has graduated from college, the homeowners finally have the time and resources to bring their dream kitchen to life. They always hoped to change the inefficient layout and outdated elements in the room and longed for an elegant space to accommodate their changing needs. Thanks to a complete overhaul, the dream has blossomed into a beautiful kitchen that's easy to navigate and easy on the eyes.

The makeover scores high on looks—furniture-style cabinetry, black engineered quartz countertops, and a marble backsplash—but functionality is the real star.

The reconfigured floor plan untangles an awkward knot of appliances to yield an efficient work triangle. A wall between the kitchen and adjacent sunroom was removed, making plenty of space for a casual sitting area and a peninsula for a small breakfast bar. The homeowners had an additional layer of concrete poured on the sunroom's floor in order to bring it flush with the existing hardwood floors in the kitchen—creating a smooth transition.

These days the kitchen is the showplace of the house, and the couple couldn't be more thrilled with its classic style and user-friendly nature. "We got everything on our wish list, for now and for later," says one of the homeowners. "We're looking forward to a lot of happy years here."



The pantry includes sliding inserts that organize items and make it easy to retrieve goods within a comfortable reach.

WHAT THEY DID

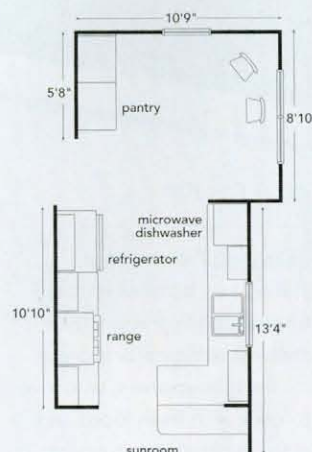
THE CHALLENGE: An unwieldy floor plan made the kitchen inadequate for family gatherings and impractical for future use. Outdated appliances and cabinetry, mismatched finishes, and timeworn surfaces detracted from its appearance.

THE SOLUTION: A revamped layout and the removal of a wall between the kitchen and sunroom make the space airier and the workflow much more fluid. New cabinetry, hardworking appliances and countertops, plus task lighting and ergonomic fixtures, elevate the kitchen's style and functionality.

OUT IN THE OPEN

- 1 Woven-wood Roman shades offer textural interest and filter sunlight.
- 2 The black engineered quartz countertops are durable and low-maintenance. They will not scorch or scratch and do not require sealing.
- 3 A small peninsula between the kitchen and sunroom provides an ideal spot for family and guests to sit at the bar without overcrowding the kitchen.

web FOR MORE
4 For instructions on building this lazy Susan, visit LowesCreativeIdeas.com/Woodworkers (Project #WWin073).



"This area is free-flowing from the dining room through our new kitchen to the sunroom."

Raised-panel cabinetry with a rich cream-colored glaze lends a bright traditional look.



*"I used to spend as little time
as possible in our kitchen. Now,
you can't get me out of it."*

