



Kitchen - BEFORE Renovation



Our clients purchased an inefficiently planned 2,332 square foot 4-bedroom house because they loved the location and the price was right. It had the tacky windows, doors, hardware, millwork, and other features that scream “low-end builder home”. With a growing family, they really needed a larger kitchen, laundry area, and master bath; as well as better flow and storage space. We were hired to solve the functional issues and transform the look of the house to better suit their lifestyle.

The renovation included a tiny addition at the kitchen (23 s.f.), as well as a 280 s.f. two-story addition that allowed us to double the size of the master bathroom and add a large walk-in closet on the upper floor, while creating a better laundry and small multi-purpose space with Murphy bed on the lower floor. All of the windows, doors, and hardware were replaced. An outdoor cooking area was added and the existing deck was reconfigured to accommodate the new kitchen addition.

The original kitchen / breakfast / family area was very poorly laid out and broken up by divider walls – one housing a cheesy built-in bookcase. By scaling back the width of one wall and replacing the other with see-through bar millwork, the spaces have been visually combined. The small kitchen addition – essentially capturing a single corner – allowed for a greatly improved layout for cabinets and appliances, as well as for a much larger and more useful island. Shaker style cherry cabinetry, a granite countertop and stainless steel appliances replaced the existing oak cabinets, plastic laminate counter tops and old appliances. On the far wall of the family room we designed a custom entertainment center which houses a large screen TV (concealed from view thanks to retractable doors) and the books, etc., that were displaced when the old built-ins were removed.

*In the “before & after” photos at the top of the page you can see how the tiny 23 s.f. addition (on the Left where the white ovens were) found enough room to accommodate a larger island, as well as additional counter space and kitchen cabinetry. On the right side of the “after” photo, you can see the new built-in entertainment center wall.*