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# BRIGHT SIDE

*Reworking the floor plan results in high style and better flow without having to remove walls.*

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#### SMALL CHANGES, BIG IMPACT

The original floor plan, strongly linear, discouraged connection. The new arrangement, *opposite*, allowed for an island with seating as well as a wood bar nook that faces a bank of windows. "The simplicity of the plan alterations resulted in cost savings, and it was a wonderful collaboration and seamless implementation of the designs," says designer Nancy Madynski.

#### EYE-CATCHING STORAGE

Wood floating shelves, *right*, add texture and storage while maintaining the kitchen's airy modern vibe.



#### STYLE

Modern Glam

#### PROBLEM

A structurally sound yet dated kitchen suffered from traffic-flow and storage issues.

#### SOLUTION

Many remodeling projects take as truth that more is better. But a thoughtful design solution that doesn't upend every square inch can yield enviable results. Take the original kitchen of

Lisa and Jeff Hauswirth: It functioned just fine, but it was closed-off, dark, and lacked extra elbowroom for storage. The couple initially thought about making significant structural updates, but Nancy Madynski at Jeff King & Company and Sarah Reeves at Sazen Design instead focused on minimal moves that complemented and preserved the original architectural elements and proportions, making the space feel twice as big without moving walls.

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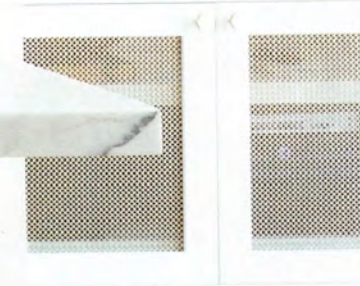
#### LIGHTEN UP

Bright-white upper cabinets make the narrow space feel bigger. Golden hardware, faucets, and light fixtures add a glamorous feel. A streamlined vent hood recedes into a bank of upper cabinets, while open shelving gives storage an airy feel.



#### KEY FEATURES

- 1 **Easy flow** Thanks to a new doorway that connects to the back hallway, the kitchen is no longer closed off from the rest of the house.
- 2 **New pantry** Using space from a rarely-used shower room, a walk-in butler's pantry boosts storage and offers space for extras, such as a wine fridge.
- 3 **Island seating** Extending the countertop over one edge of the island creates an in-kitchen seating area.
- 4 **Light, modern finishes** White upper cabinets and milky countertops take advantage of the room's natural light and make the space feel expansive.
- 5 **Glamorous accents** Golden hardware and matte-brass fixtures bring in a splash of personality.





### WORK & PLAY

The new kitchen serves as a place for meal prep, a breakfast area, a work space, and an all-around family hangout. The walnut built-in desk, *right*, complements the kitchen's floating shelves. "I enjoyed the challenge of finding practical design solutions for a busy household where Mom wears many hats and the kitchen has to serve many functions for the family," Madynski says.

### NEW CONNECTIONS

The refrigerator, *bottom*, and pullout pantry cabinet are now flanked by doorways to a walk-in butler's pantry and to the back hallway.



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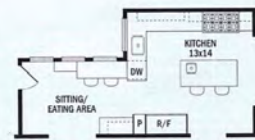
—NANCY MADYNSKI,  
DESIGNER AND CONTRACTOR

### THE PLAN

Adding a door to the hallway and taking space from a bath improved flow and storage.



BEFORE



AFTER

### CHARGING STATION

A small counter below a lift-up cabinet door with a metal mesh panel, *opposite top left*, is the perfect spot to drop keys and charge mobile devices.

### MIXED MATERIALS

The matte-brass faucets, *opposite top middle*, emphasize the space's interplay of warm and cool tones.

### SMART CHANGE

Originally a shower room, the new butler's pantry, *opposite bottom right*, includes a wine fridge. "Having a shower on the main floor, which does not have any bedrooms, did not make sense," Madynski says. Open shelving installed in front of the windows maintains a high level of natural light.

