



Open Space

Hurst Design-Build Remodeling

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Don and Stephanie Betz wanted an open-concept kitchen and dining area, and they knew the only way to achieve that in their current house was to build an addition. They hired Hurst Design-Build Remodeling to take on the project.

There were several features on the Betzes' must-have list, including a larger kitchen, a new dining space surrounded by windows, lots of countertop space, with an island, a pantry and a fireplace in the living room.

The first step was to remove a wall between the kitchen and dining room, which allowed them to expand the kitchen. "We have over 100 square feet of countertop space now," Don says.

The large island provides plenty of space for food prep and seating for family and friends. Hurst also built a 10- by 14-foot addition to create a morning/ breakfast room, with lots of windows for natural light.

One of the Betzes' favorite components of the new kitchen is the granite countertops — a combination of dull black honed granite around the outside of the kitchen, with light-colored White Princess granite on the island.

"It almost has a marble look to it," Hurst Design-Build Remodeling owner and project consultant Dan Hurst says of the island granite. "And there are these large quartzites in the stone that kind of runs through it, so it almost looks like there's a stream flowing through the countertop. It's one of the prettier slabs that I've seen."

Don says he and Stephanie love how the



called for an eye-catching feature in the living room. Hurst delivered by adding a direct-vent gas fireplace with a beautiful cultured-stone surround and a mantle.

dark, engineered hardwood floors and white cabinets create an elegant, timeless design. "We have lots of cabinet space for everything we need, plus a hidden lift in the end cabinet for the KitchenAid mixer, [which is] a nice feature," he adds. "We also just love the design layout. It allows for an excellent flow of traffic."

The kitchen's new flow into the living area

"Hurst did a fabulous job of design and creativity. They worked very well with us in being able to take our ideas and build them into visual computer designs," Don says. "After seven different iterations of 3-D designs, we were able to nail down every detail. It's funny to see how close the real pictures are to the original designs."

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