



Big Ideas

Artistic Renovations



In a story all too familiar in home remodeling circles, what started as a leaky bathroom repair ended up as a completely remodeled kitchen. “Once the area was cleaned up and the ceiling was removed, we could see the damage was extensive enough to warrant replacing the cabinets,” says Ken Perrin, owner of Artistic Renovations. “Next thing we knew, the kitchen and dining room were being combined.” The renovation called for a redesign of what once was a separate kitchen and dining room into an oversized eat-in kitchen. What’s more, the original two rooms were long on taking up space and short on providing flow and storage — Perrin was determined to correct both issues.

“The house is a traditional bungalow, so both rooms were pretty small. We combined them, and custom-designed some space-saving improvements,” Perrin says. He and his team created a built-in dinette area complete with a bench that has storage underneath and a table made to fit perfectly. “It’s a unique piece. We had to take a lot of hard-to-use

space and make it usable and functional.”

More storage also was created in the kitchen cabinets by adding a pantry and making some functional changes. “We did things like adding cabinets where she had none, and building in the fridge a little bit,” says Perrin. Creating all that extra storage resulted in an ultimately cleaner, more elegant look for the new kitchen. Finishing the cabinets in black lends another element of contemporary style to the overall decor, while Shaker-style doors fit the age of the bungalow. “It’s a good bal-

ance of being updated but staying true to the actual era of the house.”

Changing the flooring to a unified material also helped introduce the idea of one big, flowing space. “We used porcelain tiles that actually look like wood planks. It’s amazingly realistic. You actually have to bend down and touch it to know it’s not real wood,” Perrin says. The vibe is rustic and modern — a perfect fit decor-wise to complement the home’s original era but modernize and update the feel.

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