



How an Olney, Md. kitchen became a dream space for a semi-retired couple

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To begin the remodel process for an outdated Olney, Md. kitchen in a colonial home, Glickman Design Build reviewed all key components on the semi-retired couple's wish list: create a classically-styled kitchen with high-end finishes and maximum backyard views, add plenty of storage, and expand the eating spaces.

Solve Challenges

Before construction could start, they needed to address the structural challenges of moving an existing window

so it was directly over the sink and rethinking the structural beam that couldn't be moved.

Centering the existing window over the sink optimized the kitchen design as well as provided a clear view of the yard, but it wasn't without challenges. While repositioning the window inside the space wasn't an issue, the exterior was a different story. Because the aluminum siding was discontinued, Glickman couldn't just match and patch the spot where the window once was. Since replacing the siding on the entire home wasn't a viable option for the owners, Glickman Project Manager Wayne Johnson offered a solution by creating panels, which mimic

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shutters, for each side of the window on the exterior. While apprehensive about this suggestion at first, the homeowners are now thrilled with the result.

Next, to alleviate the uneven look of the structural beam along the ceiling, the beam was redesigned as part of a tray ceiling tying the kitchen with the adjacent

family room. The height of the soffit was reduced and crown molding was added to create an attractive design element above the cooking station.

Create Classic Design

With a certain classic look in mind, Glickman worked with the owners to select full overlay Crystal Cabinetry in a

Breckenridge door style with soft close drawers and doors. The perimeter maple cabinets are painted Antique White with a Signature finish including Van Dyke Brown highlights and the island is finished in a cherry stain in the same door and drawer styles.

Add Storage & Eating Space

Storage solutions include installing

taller cabinetry, full pantry with pullout drawers, larger island, and window seat. Decorative glass cabinets and panels over the refrigerator and dishwasher enhance the classic design, while one-of-a-kind Bordeaux granite counters provide the high level of detail the owners desired. The larger island also provides alternate eating space.

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