

RESIDENTIAL ADDITION under 250K



JOB COST: \$184,297

6 MONTHS OF RENOVATION

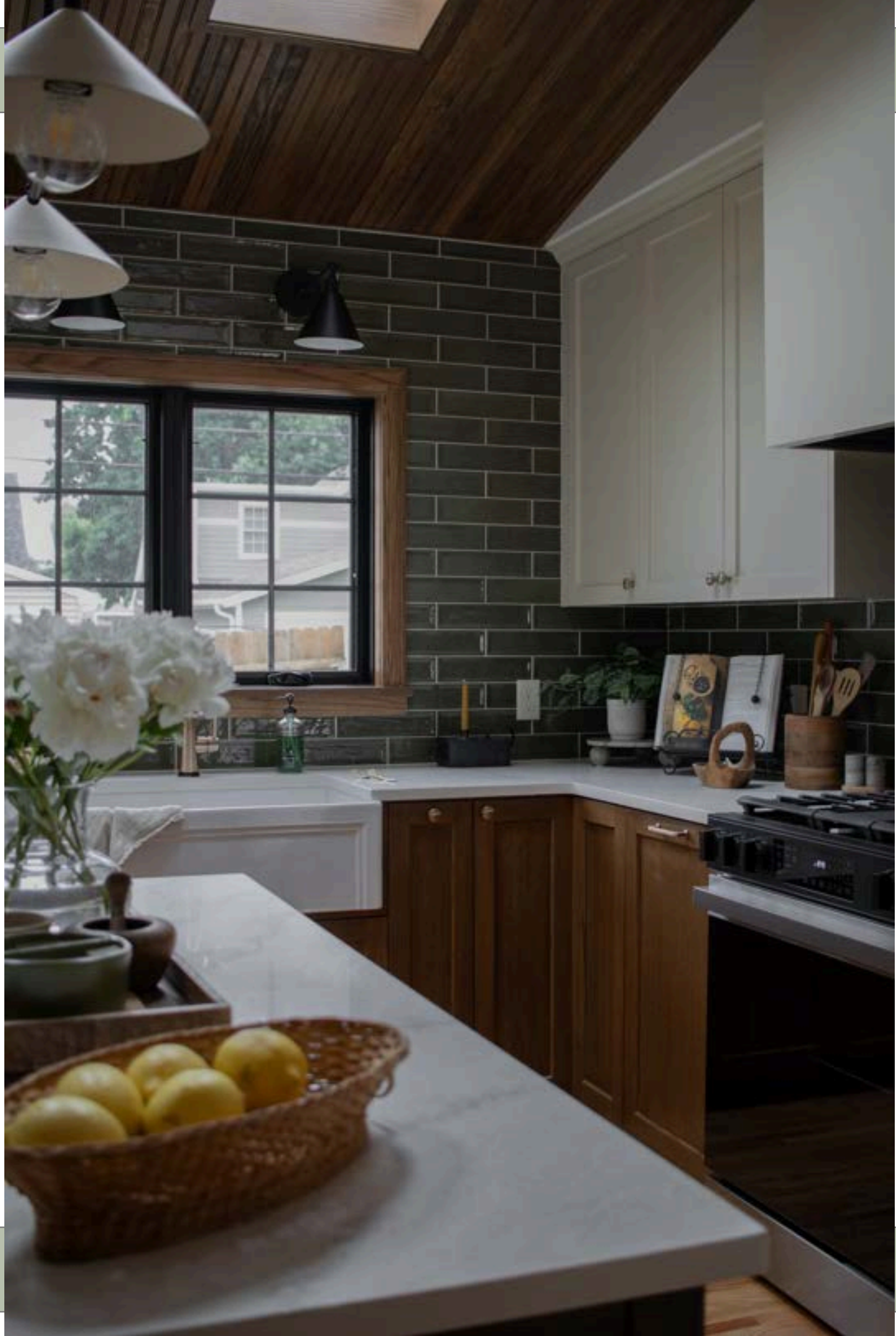
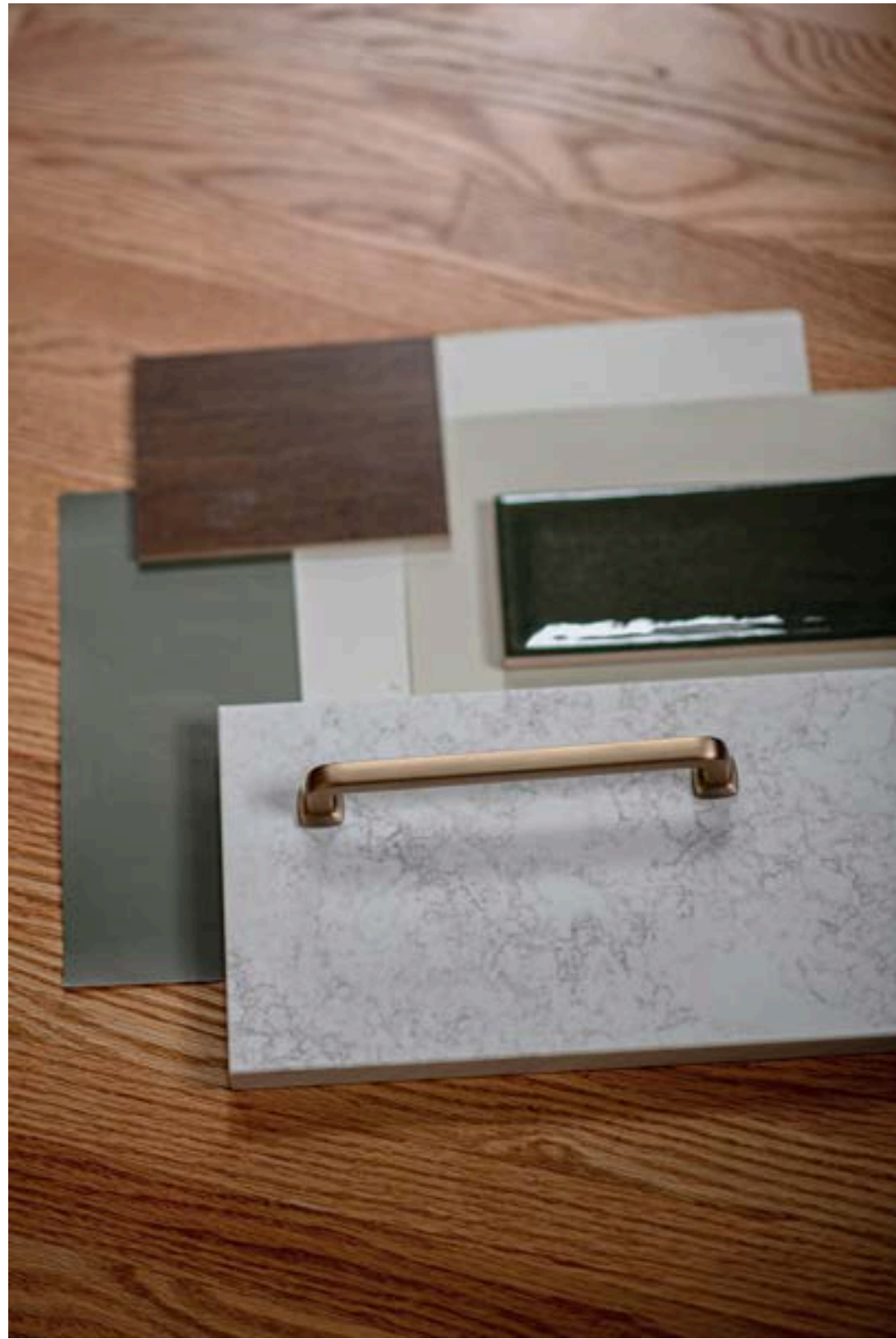
Introducing, Verdant Addition



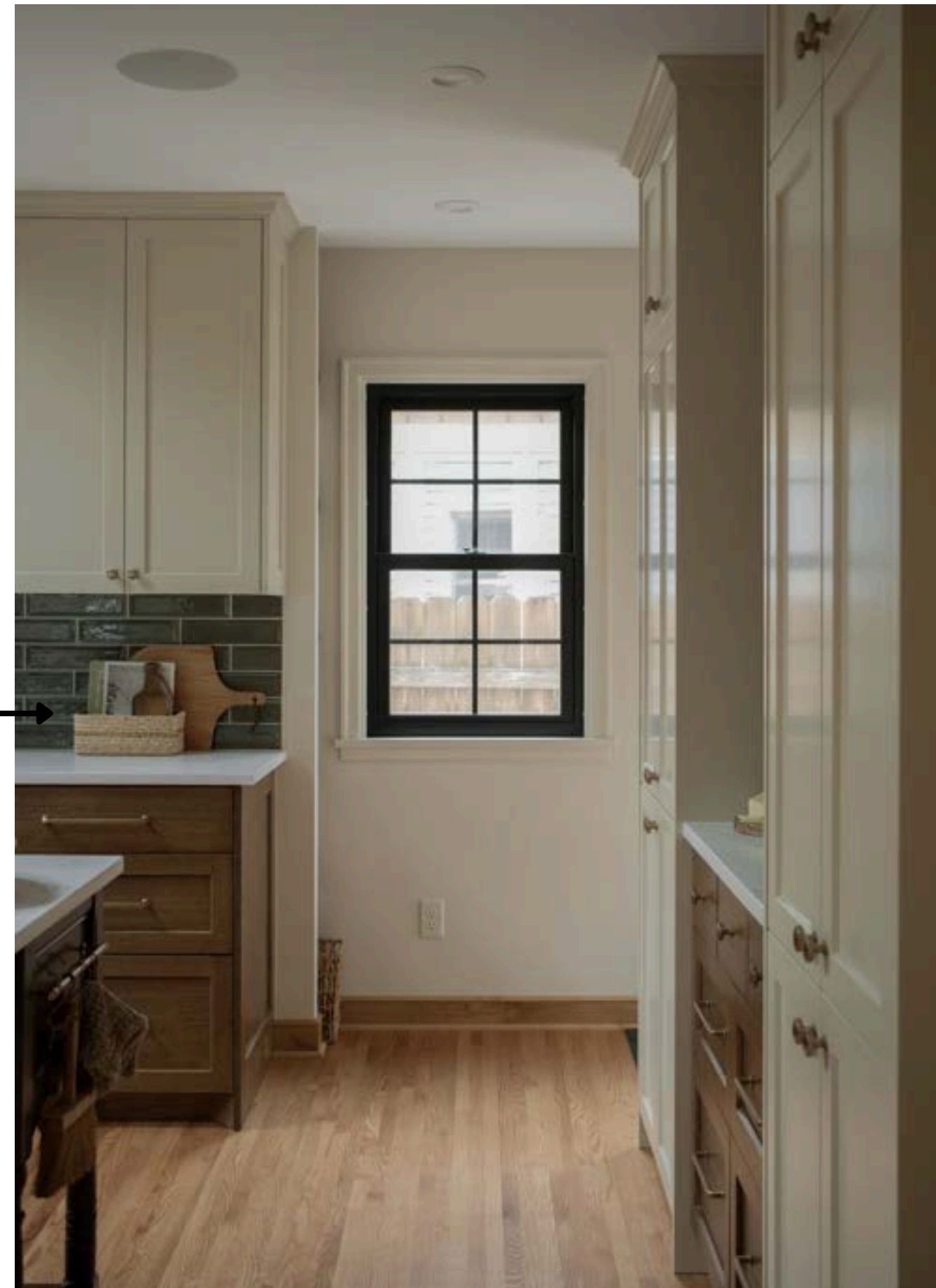
This 1940s home was steeped in character, with graceful curved openings, narrow-plank floors, and original trim work that celebrated its timeless charm. For the family who calls it home, it was nearly perfect — except for one thing: the kitchen fell far short of meeting their daily needs.

Our vision was to create a kitchen that offered more space and function without overwhelming the home's modest scale. Instead of building something grandiose, we sought balance — a design that would feel as though it had always belonged.

The palette was grounded in neutrals chosen for their longevity, then brought to life with the client's favorite shade of green, a choice that introduced an organic sensibility and a refreshing sense of nature. Paired with the abundant light streaming through its many windows, the result is a kitchen that feels both timeless and alive, honoring the home's history while enriching its future.



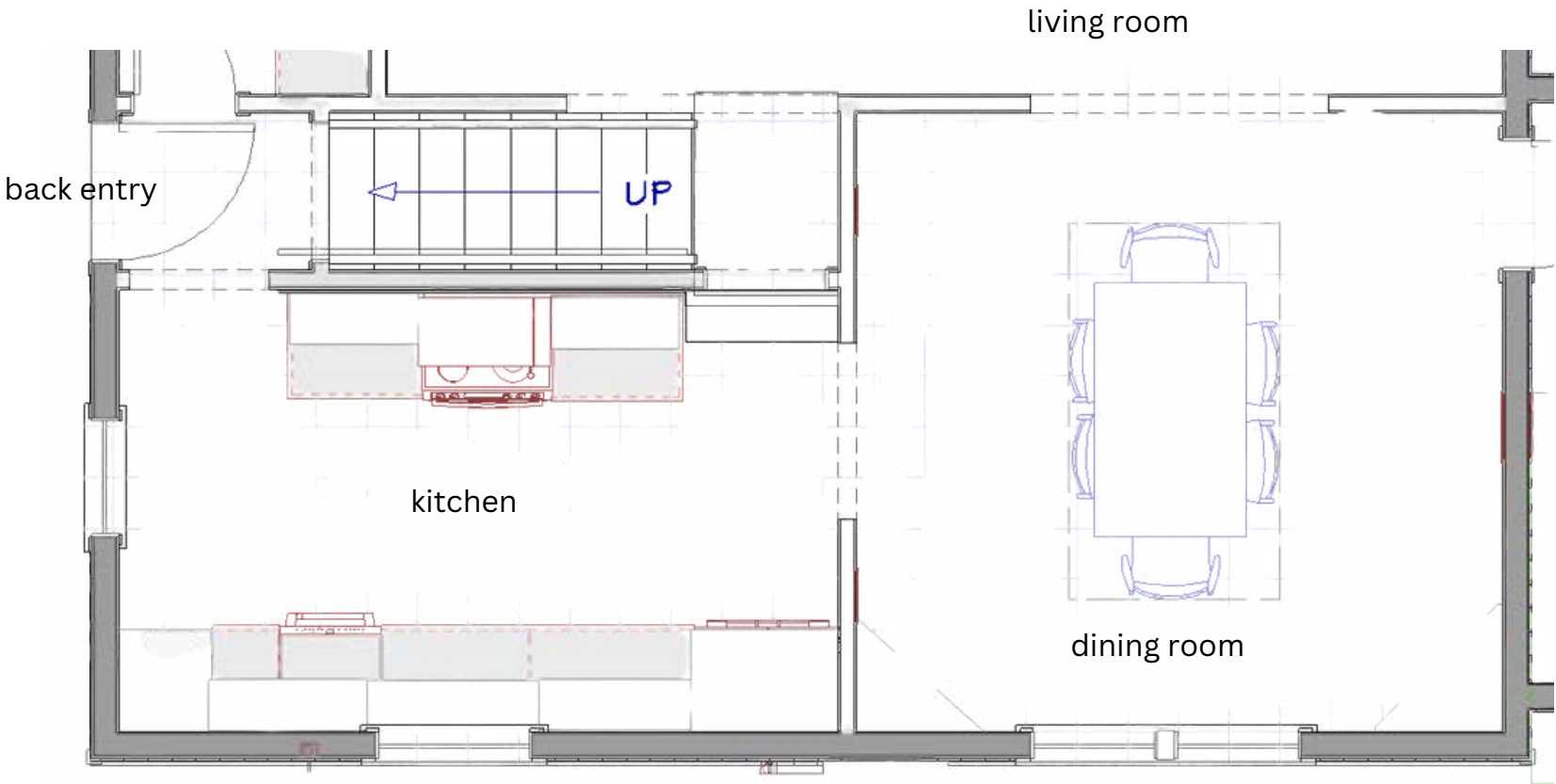




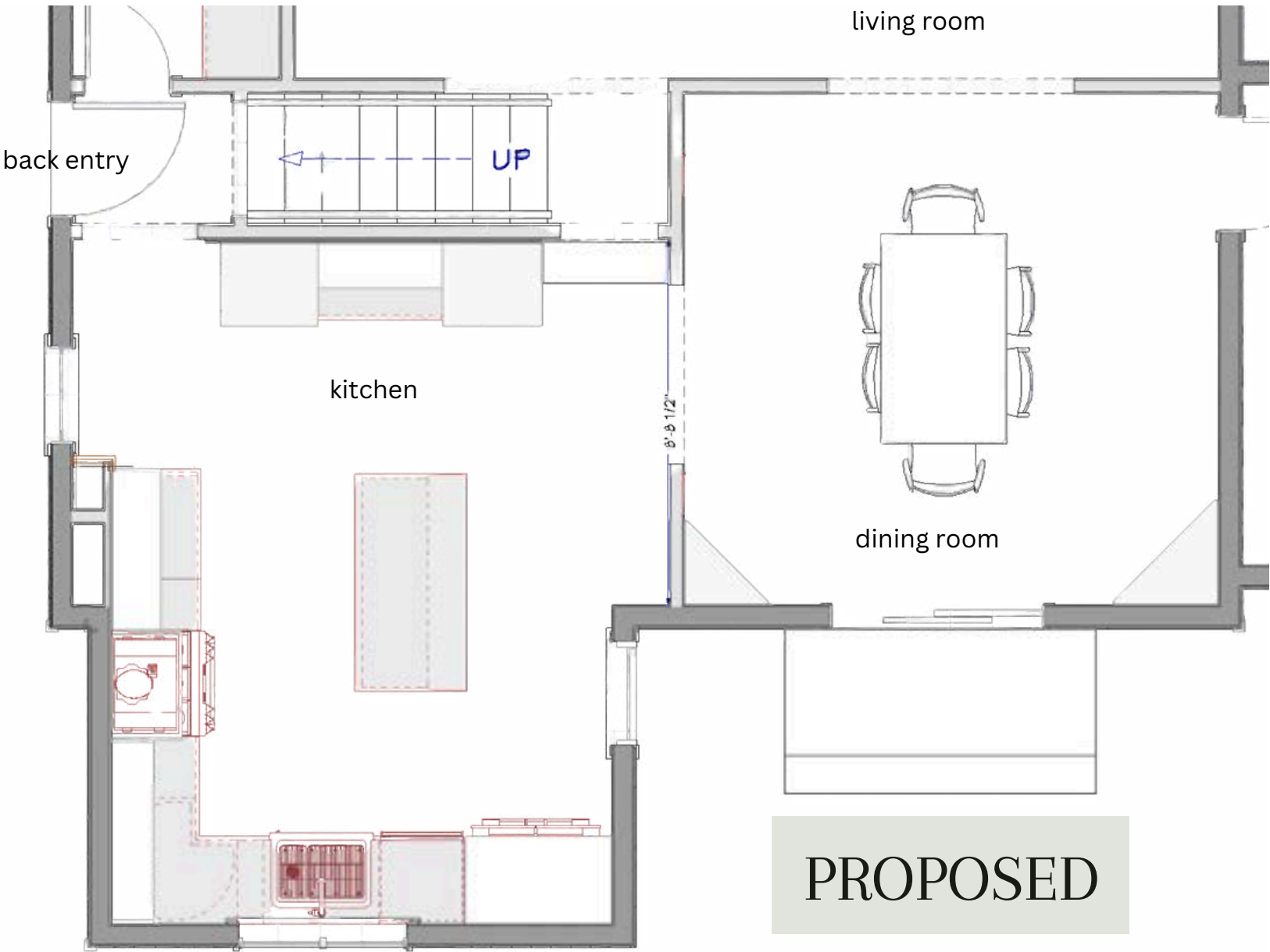
kitchen

- Client Asks:
- More square footage
 - Better layout
 - Seating for kids
 - Antique Element
 - Timeless style with green features
 - Vaulted ceiling
 - Flooring integration
 - Design that integrated with the rest of the home

- Deliverables
- We extended the kitchen out into the back yard. Being mindful to only extend what was needed.
 - The L shaped layout with an island was the most efficient use of space and their preferred option.
 - The detailed antique table was modified to be an island in which two kids can sit.
 - The shed roof design gave them a nice vault into the newly added space.
 - The beautiful wood floor of their home was matched and toothed into the kitchen.
 - We replicated arched openings that were found throughout the house to create continuity while also matching exact trim work installation.



EXISTING



PROPOSED



From the exterior, the addition was kept simple and consistent with the existing structure so that it felt as though it had always been there.

As part of the scope of work, a pair of windows were replaced with a new patio door, efficiently utilizing the existing header to save on cost and materials.

One of the obstacles encountered was the placement of the gas meter directly where the addition needed to begin; by prioritizing its rotation, we were able to push the new footprint as close to the edge as possible.



This kitchen addition took place in the middle of winter, which could have been a challenge for the clients had their home been exposed to the cold. With careful planning, we framed the addition and completed electrical, plumbing, HVAC rough-ins, insulation, and window installation from the exterior first. Once the structure was fully sealed, we broke through into the home. Because the addition extended from an exterior wall, a structural beam was installed to properly carry the load down to the foundation, ensuring safety and long-term stability. With the structural work complete, phase two began—finishing the rough-ins and moving into the finish work. This phased approach not only kept the house protected during the cold months, but also allowed the clients to enjoy full use of their kitchen longer before it became unusable.



framing stage



insulation and window installation stage



BEAM INSTALLATION



The base cabinets were crafted from rift-sawn white oak, selected to harmonize with the oak flooring. The straight grain brings a refined, elegant tone to the space. Accents of brass hardware enrich the palette, standing out gently against the creamy white upper cabinets.

For the toekick vents, we designed custom venting solutions rather than using standard covers. These toekicks are removable, making them easy to clean while maintaining a clean, cohesive design.



Garbage rollout
Spice rollout



Toe Kick Details



To complement the grounding base cabinets, we selected a quartz with soft veining in beige and grey over a white base tone, introducing both lightness and elegance to the space.

Quartz offers the perfect balance of durability and beauty, making it an ideal choice for this busy family kitchen. As a non-porous material, it can with stand the demands of a growing family, with minimal maintenance. In this project, quartz not only brightens the space but also provides long-term performance, creating a surface that will support this family as they grow and make memories for years to come.



PANTRY WALL: EVIDENCE OF FUNCTIONALITY+ AESTHETICS

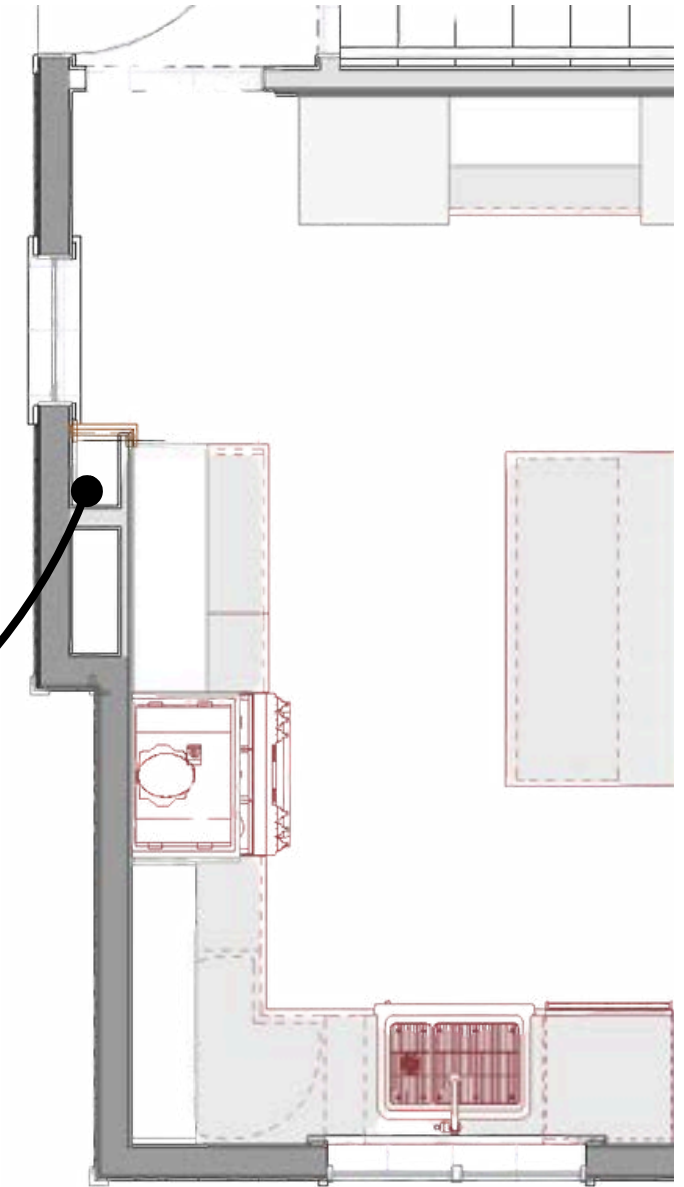
before



This wall of cabinetry was designed for efficient storage, with floor-to-ceiling end-cap cabinetry outfitted with rollouts for easy access. At the center, a coffee bar anchors the space, complemented by open shelving above that connects to the rift-sawn oak cabinetry below. To add character, we introduced a bold organic green on the wall, echoing the main perimeter backsplash and tying the kitchen together from side to side. Positioned along the path to the side door, it's the perfect grab-and-go stop for a quick snack or coffee on the way out.



Because the gas meter was located on the side of the house, the budget only allowed for it to be rotated rather than fully relocated, leaving behind a small nook. To maximize counterspace, we extended the wall to continue the linear cabinet run. Since the wall was purely decorative, we turned the studs sideways to capture every possible inch. What could have been wasted space instead became a charming little moment—perfect for cookbooks and spices, or as a convenient catch-all for keys, wallets, and hats near the side door. A spot that might easily have been closed off was instead brought to life with purpose.



← ● Oak flooring that was matched to existing and toothed in at the transition.



The clients requested a vaulted addition, a design choice we were thrilled to embrace. The vaulted ceiling immediately transformed the space, creating openness and a true ‘wow’ factor. To heighten the effect, we incorporated skylights that flooded the room with natural light, making the addition feel truly impressive. To balance the brightness, we introduced paneling on the ceiling, creating a moody contrast that added depth and character. With so much light pouring in, the darker finish only enhanced the sense of scale and sophistication, rather than diminishing it.



The existing stair into the kitchen was not custom designed, leaving gaps that collected dust and made cleaning nearly impossible. The landing and stair members were a mix of maple and oak, creating a disjointed look.

We replaced the stair treads and risers with oak to match the landing, establishing a cohesive appearance. Since maple skirting already existed on the other side of the wall, we continued with that material as it turned the corner, each angle carefully crafted to ensure a cohesive, tailored finish from each direction.



Before



LIGHTING: EVIDENCE OF FUNCTIONALITY, AESTHETICS, + INNOVATIVE THINKING

With an abundance of windows, it nearly eliminates the need for supplemental light during the day! For nighttime functionality, we carefully layered lighting. To preserve the clean look of the paneled vaulted ceiling, we avoided fixtures on the surface and instead placed discreet track lighting along the beam at the peak—an efficient way to evenly wash the space without exposing the fixture.

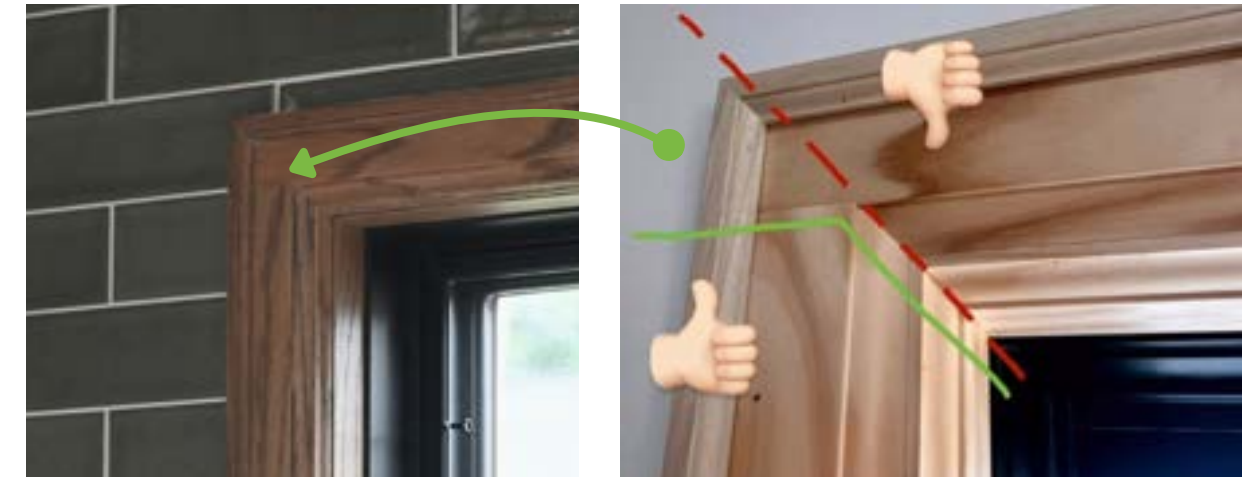
Above the island, a custom hand-built linear pendant was chosen; while the island could have supported two fixtures, its placement would have pushed one awkwardly onto the edge of the flat ceiling, making the dual pendant the perfect balanced solution.

Additional sconces above the sink introduced both task lighting and a bold black accent, while recessed cans in the flat ceiling provided versatility. To enhance the family's love of cooking and gathering with music, the client installed an integrated speaker system.

speakers + cans



The window trim was carefully matched to the home's existing details—not only in appearance but also in technique, using methods such as the jack miter to ensure authenticity.

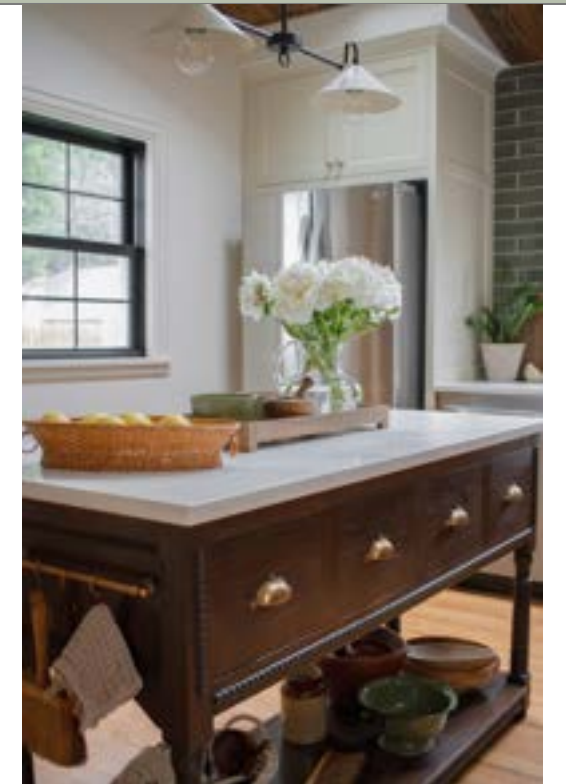


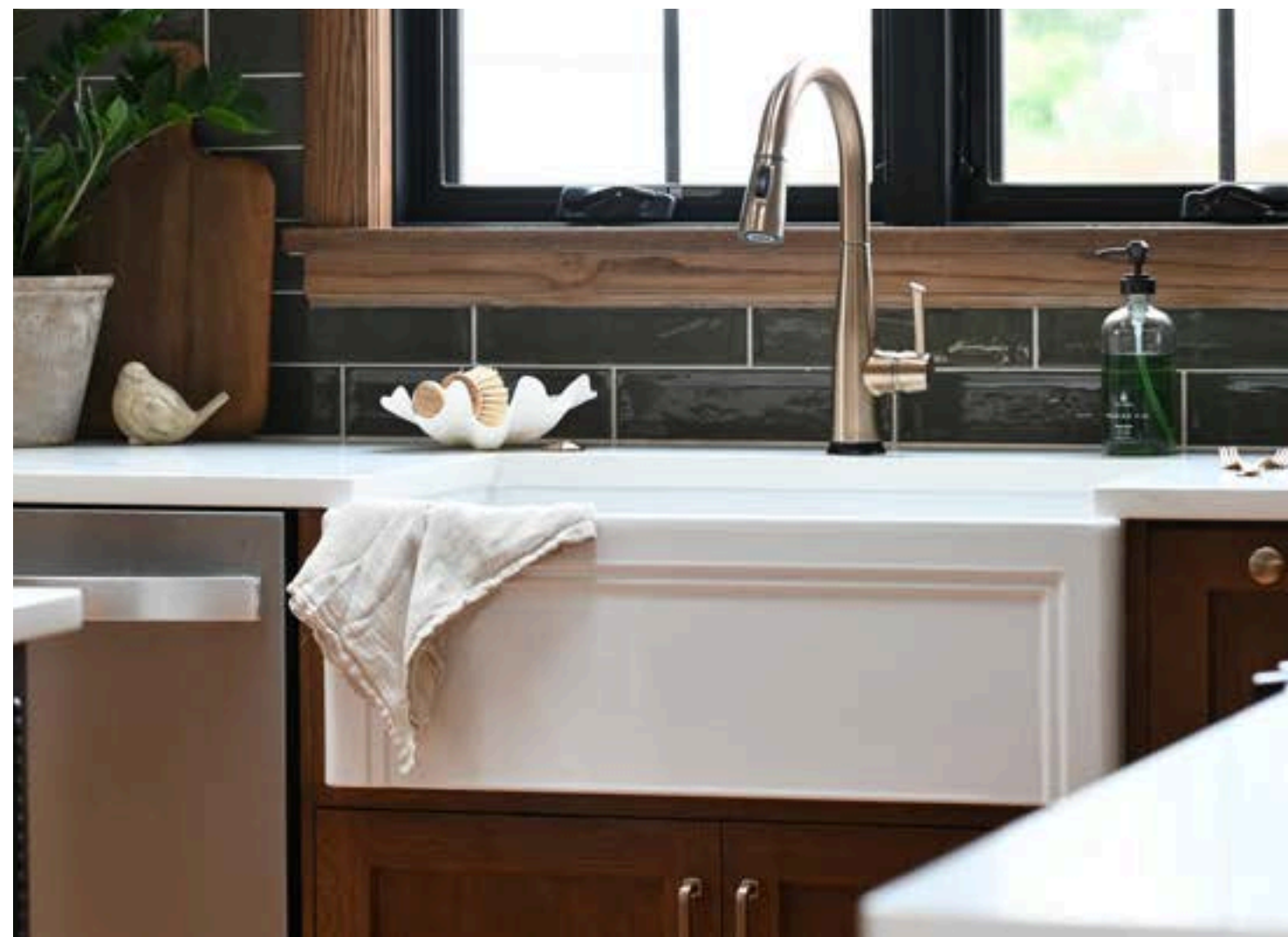
An olive-green glossy tile with a subtle ripple was installed as the backsplash, complementing the natural views outside. On the sink wall, the tile was carried all the way to the ceiling, eliminating drywall finishes in this focal area.





This once-dilapidated sideboard held deep meaning for the homeowners, who spent their early years antiques and still treasure vintage pieces throughout their home. Trusting us completely, they left the design entirely in our hands—seeing the final result for the first time on install day. We carefully resized the piece to fit the kitchen, planing down the drawers to reveal striking black walnut and maple hardwood. Finished with quartz on top and adorned with historic brass hardware, it now serves as a deeply personal centerpiece- blending heritage, craftsmanship, and trust.





We decided to make the bold move of showcasing this window in wood trim with the adjacent windows being trimmed out in paint. This helped narrow the focus in towards this sink window and the other windows to blend in.

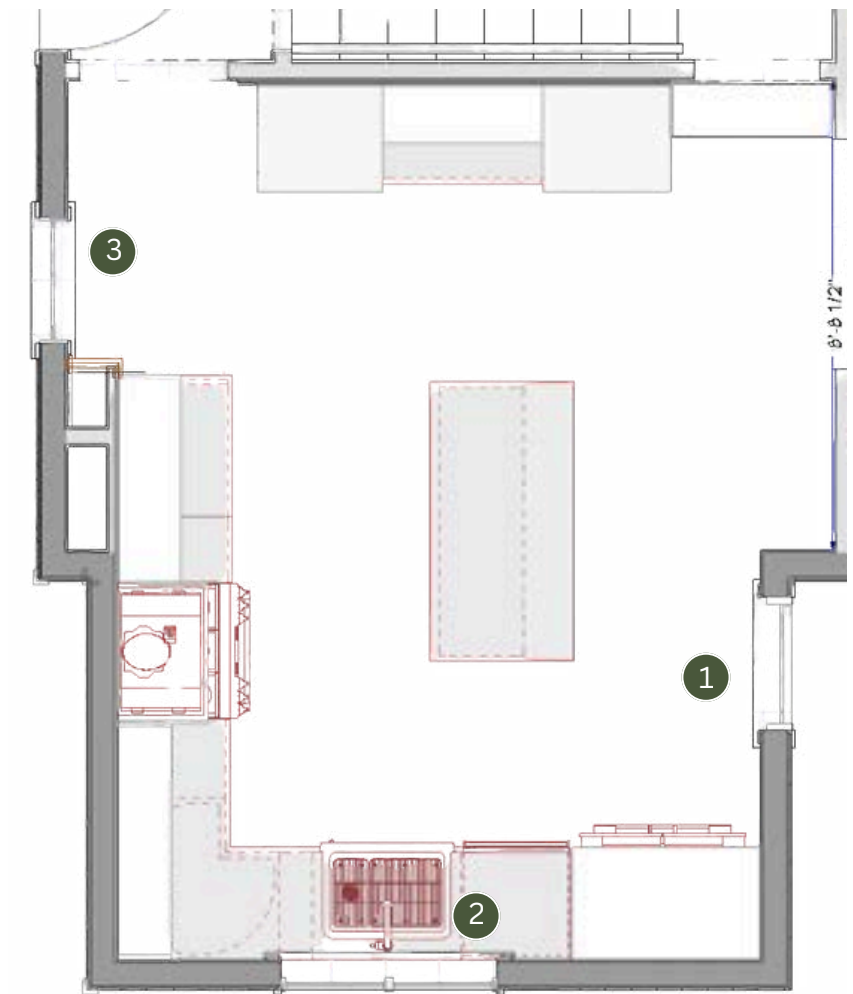


Instead of going with an under-mount sink that disappeared into the countertop, we decided to make a moment of beauty using a detailed apron sink.

At the center sits a champagne bronze Delta faucet, enhanced with an innovative motion-sensor feature.



Although the addition is modest in size, we prioritized bringing natural light from every direction. From a family perspective, having windows on each wall offers the added benefit of being able to watch the kids from all sides of the yard. The kitchen window was enlarged as it was the most impactful view, and a new window by the refrigerator introduces cross-light. The existing side-door window was replaced with a pocket installation, making it cohesive with the new units. Lastly, the skylights above flood the space with light from above.





Client name

7 reviews · 2 photos



★★★★★ 2 months ago

When we moved into our home we always knew the cramped galley kitchen would need to be expanded. If we could make that dream project happen, then we decided we'd stay in our house forever.

We spent years following various contractors, keeping an eye on their projects and profiles, but our eye continued to come back to Company. It was their consistent relaxed cozy design vibe that fit our personalities and style. After meeting with a few contractors and discussing costs, Company was a no brainer. They were welcoming from the beginning and were able to think outside of the box to save us on major costs of a 7 foot x 10 foot addition.

The process was smooth and the use of BuilderTrend was a welcome tool that provided multiple updates as well as easy selection processes.

Name and Name are warm, friendly, creative and truly care about their product and their clients. Name design eye is unmatched, we had full trust in her throughout the process and many times wanted her to help us make decisions because we knew it would be the right one. Name and Name were such hard workers, respectful of our property and truly have a special talent in construction. It always felt like our house was respected and treated with care and precision. Name organizational skills and communication made this project flow with few hiccups. If we needed something, Name made sure it was done.

The end result was an absolutely stunning custom kitchen that still feels like a dream. Company captured what we imagined in a kitchen that was custom to us just based off of getting to know our likes and our visions. They turned it into a reality. The small details matter to them. Our most special piece is a center island that was handpicked and stained by Company. It was a personal touch like that, that makes this company special.

We have more projects planned for the future, and will not hesitate to use Company again.

Thank you for your time, Judges!