

RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN

\$150-\$200K

Cottage remodel backed by
intentionality and timeless design

JOB COST: 187,00K

5 MONTHS OF RENOVATION



Introducing, Hickory Home



This 1800s home, rich with generations of memories and layered with additions over time, was ready to welcome its next chapter. The new generation envisioned a home that honored its history while adapting to modern living.

Our goal was to improve functionality for decades to come, while preserving and building upon the charm and character that defined the residence.

The result is a kitchen and a modest addition that balances heritage and innovation — a place where timeless character and modern comfort coexist.



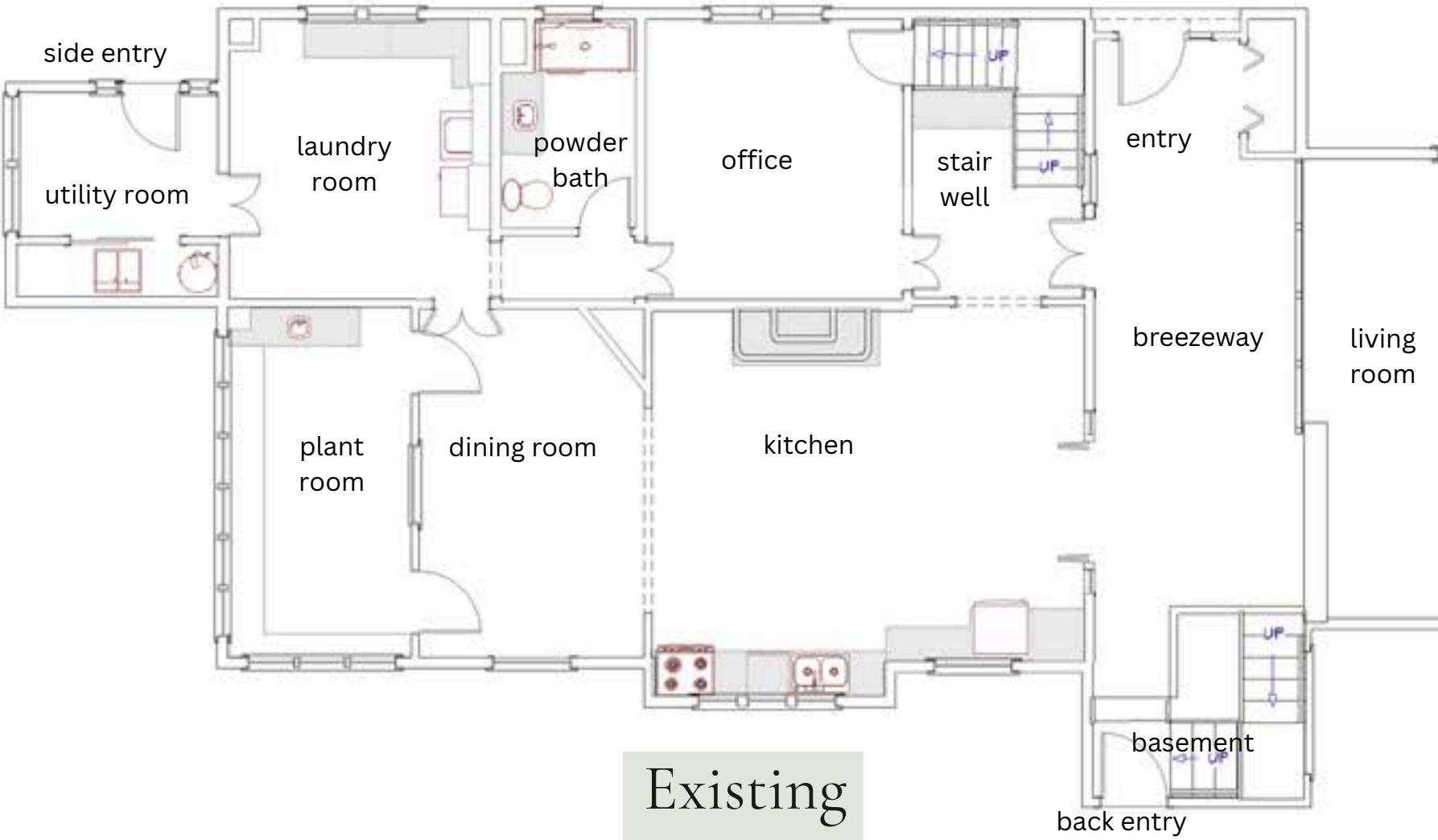
kitchen

Client Asks:

- Large kitchen
- Variation of open and closet cabinetry
- Reuse of materials
- Character + Charm paired with timeless design
- Air Conditioning

Deliverables

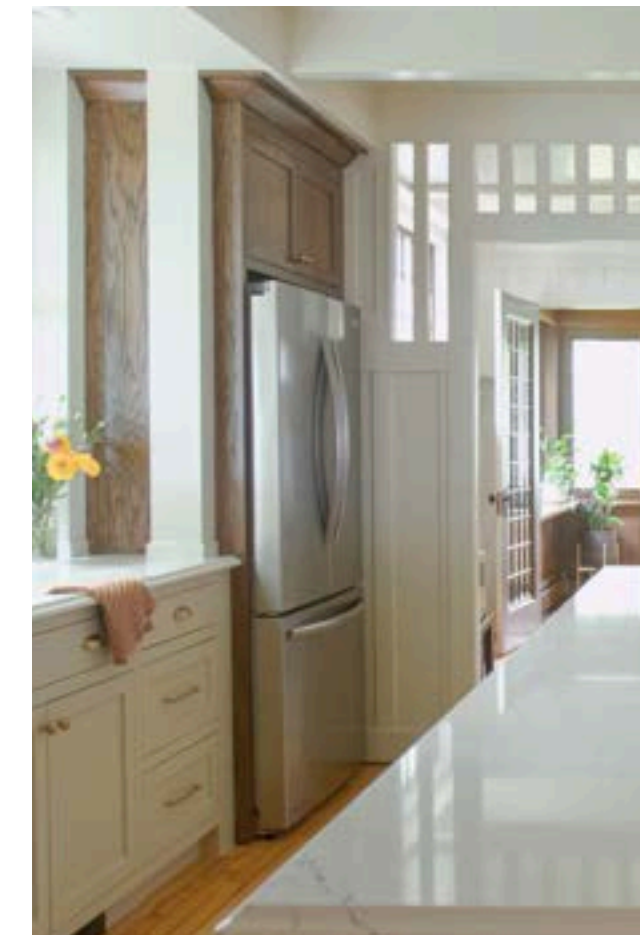
- A grand kitchen addition established the true heart of the home.
- The cabinetry was designed with drawers, counter cabinets, an appliance garage, and shelving giving a wide variety of organization
- The reuse and preservation of materials became a unifying theme, showcasing craftsmanship and sustainability.
- Curves, textures, and a balance of neutrals created timeless design, and aesthetic harmony.
- A Mini-splits was added.





What was once a dim one-wall kitchen with minimal storage has been reimagined into a highly *functional* space.

The Cambria backsplash and hood create a striking focal point, complemented by a Devol faucet, brass accents, and ribbed glass that introduce organic texture and warmth to complete the design.



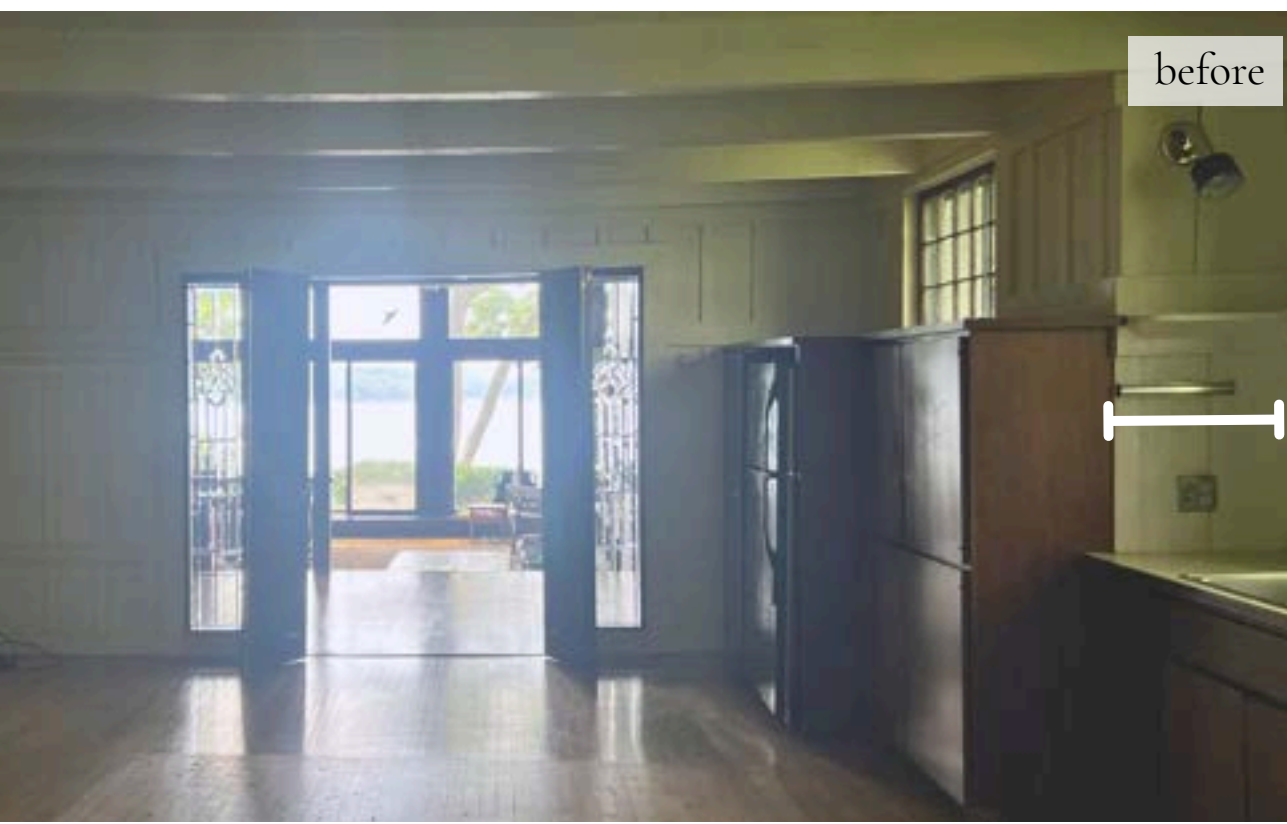
New appliances—including a custom panel dishwasher—enhance performance, complemented by *layered lighting* from pendants, sconces, and subtle task fixtures.

An L-shaped layout with a dual-sided island and generous walkways creates both *flow and efficiency*, while the two-toned inset cabinetry provides striking *contrast*, connecting seamlessly into the home's existing dark wood elements.



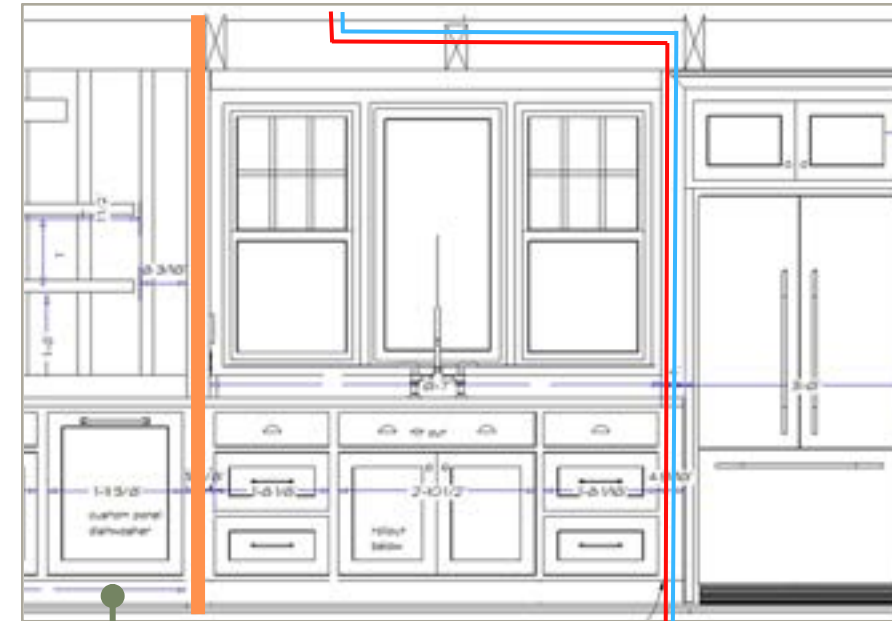


In the kitchen, a restrictive jog prevented a linear cabinet run; this was resolved through a small addition and a doorway relocation, allowing for a functional L-shaped kitchen that embraced the cozy fireplace that was in the kitchen.



Our kitchen addition bumps this area back to be flush with the kitchen sink wall.





- plumbing
- plumbing
- structural framing



In the kitchen, a structural post descended directly into the space, accompanied by plumbing lines above the sink and opposite the post. To resolve this, the plumbing was encased within a faux post, while two additional posts—one behind the structural post and one behind the faux post—were introduced for balance. A soffit was introduced along the cabinet perimeter, resolving the plumbing line challenge while giving the cabinetry a clean termination point as there were beams running the length of the kitchen. What began as a constraint became an opportunity for innovation, transformed into a feature that feels intentional, serving both functional and aesthetic purposes while concealing the hidden utilities.



finished result



constructing



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These niches were *handcrafted* in our shop and place on each side of the range hood enclosure. The new beadboard backing *precisely* matches the cabinetry while *echoing* the beadboard detailing found throughout the home. Outlets were *discreetly placed* on the inner sides of each niche, keeping them *accessible* yet out of sight.

Brass island
countertop outlet



Bullnose window jambs
introduce a sense of softness
into the space



A handcrafted Devol faucet in unlacquered
brass adds timeless quality and will develop
a beautiful patina over time



Inset face frame cabinetry brings a seamless,
built-in refinement to the kitchen, as opposed to
box frames which leave distracting seam lines



The Cambria Basin Edge
adds a sculpted elegance
to the countertop feature





Client name
Local Guide · 14 reviews · 6 photos

★★★★★ 10 months ago

Company has been hard at work with our home remodel! They're a smaller team that gives lots of personal attention to the project and us as clients. We speak to Name and Name most regarding weekly/activity updates and design choices respectively (amongst other things).

I've been most impressed by their passion and problem solving. The first day we met Name he was crawling in crawl space to get a look at the foundation. Our house is over 100 years old, and they have done a great job embracing the quirks and adapting to the existing conditions - all while finding a way to work in our budget.

We were recommended Company from a friend who we certainly trust and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend them to others in the future.

This update comes part way through our project, so I hope to report back here to anyone reading this that we are 100% thrilled with the project- something I am confident will happen!

Client name
11 photos

★★★★★ 2 days ago

Oh where do we even begin? When my husband and I decided to take on a 150-year-old cottage that's been in the family for 50 years, the pressure to find the right team was intimidating to say the least. Enter Company and from our very first walk through with them, we knew we had found an amazing fit. They are genuinely committed to such high standards of craftsmanship, which was immediately evident. No cutting corners or putting bandaids over future issues here. And on top of that, we understood that they are a relationship-building company. This wasn't going to be a transactional situation – they genuinely cared about our home (our budget!) and our vision.

What made them stand out from other companies? Firstly, they're design AND build company, which meant no telephone between architects/contractors/etc, which was huge for us. They covered every detail from floor plans to construction to nitty gritty selections. Committing to a renovation team is a huge (and at times scary) decision, and having ONE aligned team with both the professional experience and creative vision was really important to us.

Renovating an old home also comes with so many surprises (hello structural issues and attic creatures!). But the thing that really surprised us the most is that this team truly made the whole process stress-free, and dare I say, fun! Name, Name, Name, Name, and Name (to just name a few) brought so much expertise and enthusiasm to every challenge. Whether it was preserving original character details, solving unexpected structural issues, or seamlessly blending in our modern updates, they handled each curveball with the kind of problem-solving skills that only come from years of experience.

If you're facing a renovation and want it done right by people who will care about your home as much as you do, we couldn't recommend Company enough. Thank you, Company team, for treating our century-and-a-half-old home like your own. You respected its history so beautifully while also blending in our vision for its next chapter.

Thank you for your time, Judges!