

NARI MINNESOTA – 2025 ROTY AWARDS

PROJECT: Refined Ranch Kitchen Remodel

CATEGORY: Residential Kitchen over \$200,000



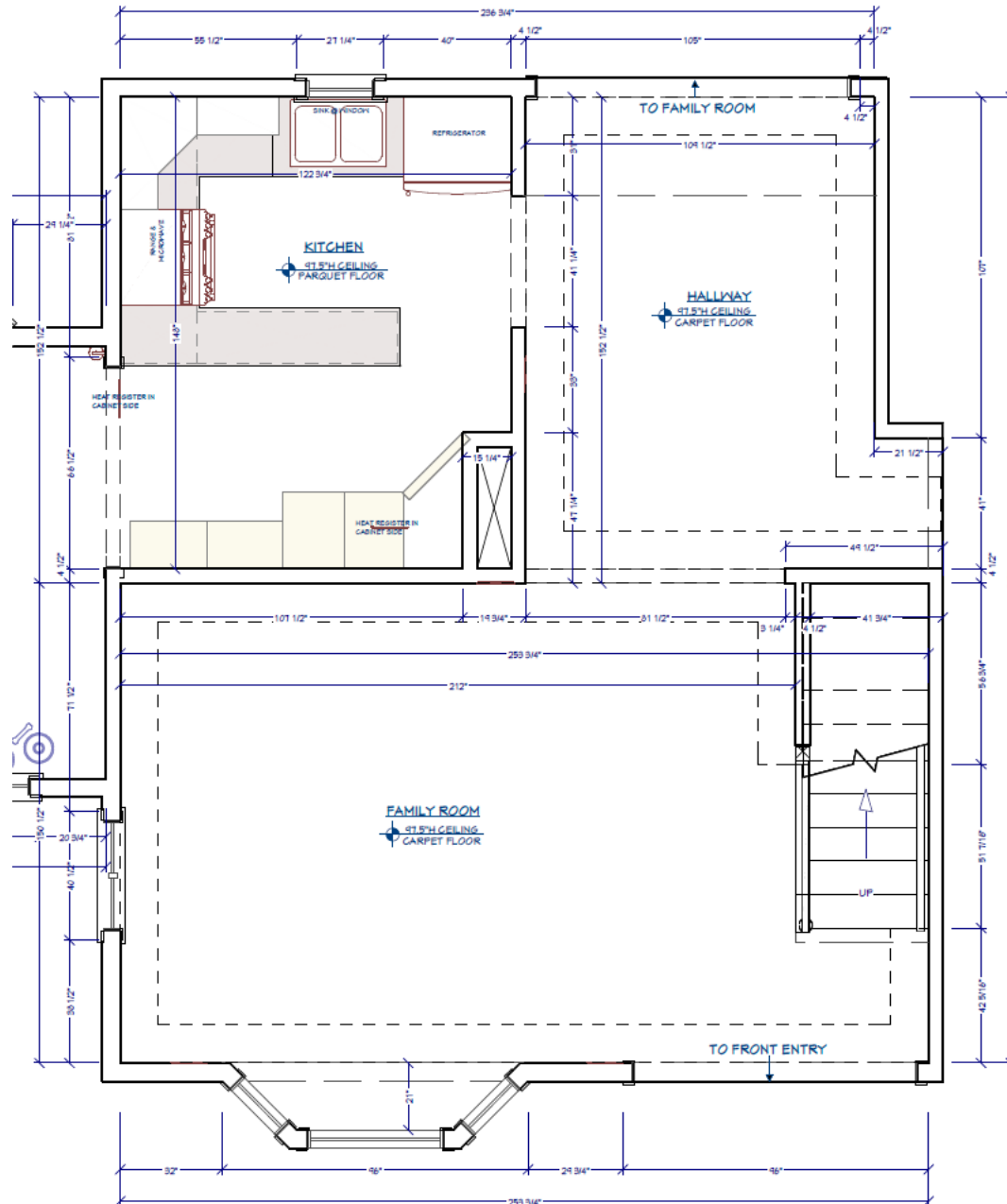
Inspired by the warmth and vibrancy of a celebrity's ranch house, the clients envisioned a welcoming, open-concept eat-in kitchen where rustic character meets refined detail. Their goal was a space equally suited for family living and effortless entertaining—rich in texture, soul, and bold personality.

This vision came to life through reclaimed wood wraps on beams and a hearth-style mantel, creating aged character with authenticity. Sepia-toned delft tiles paired with plum field tile inject depth and artistry across three feature walls, while the clients' favorite element—a faux-hearth alcove with spice niches and display shelves—anchors the room as both a focal point and a functional prep zone. Balance and proportion in the new layout transformed a previously oversized addition into a harmonious flow of scale and rhythm.

Functionality was carefully prioritized: generous prep zones around key appliances, bar seating placed beyond the work core, and strategic safety features—including a pop-up downdraft and a hidden dog door—ensure smooth, safe daily use. Durable porcelain flooring, stained oak cabinetry, and brass-accented fixtures unify beauty with resilience.

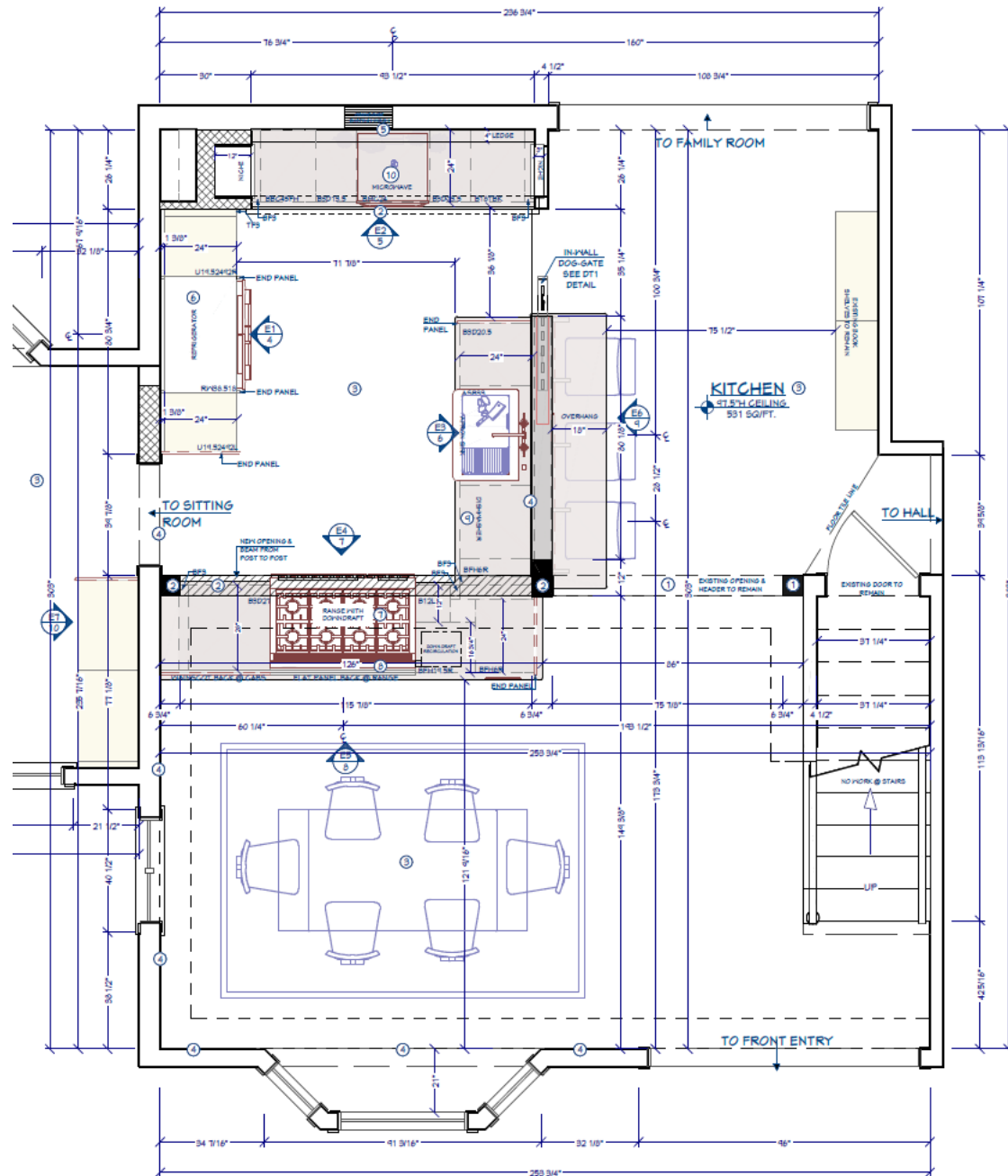
The home's layered history posed structural challenges: fire-damaged framing, uneven subfloors, and load-bearing walls. Creative solutions—rerouting complex mechanicals, engineering flush transitions, and resolving difficult wiring paths—**ensured the clients received everything they dreamed of without compromise.**

BEFORE FLOOR PLAN

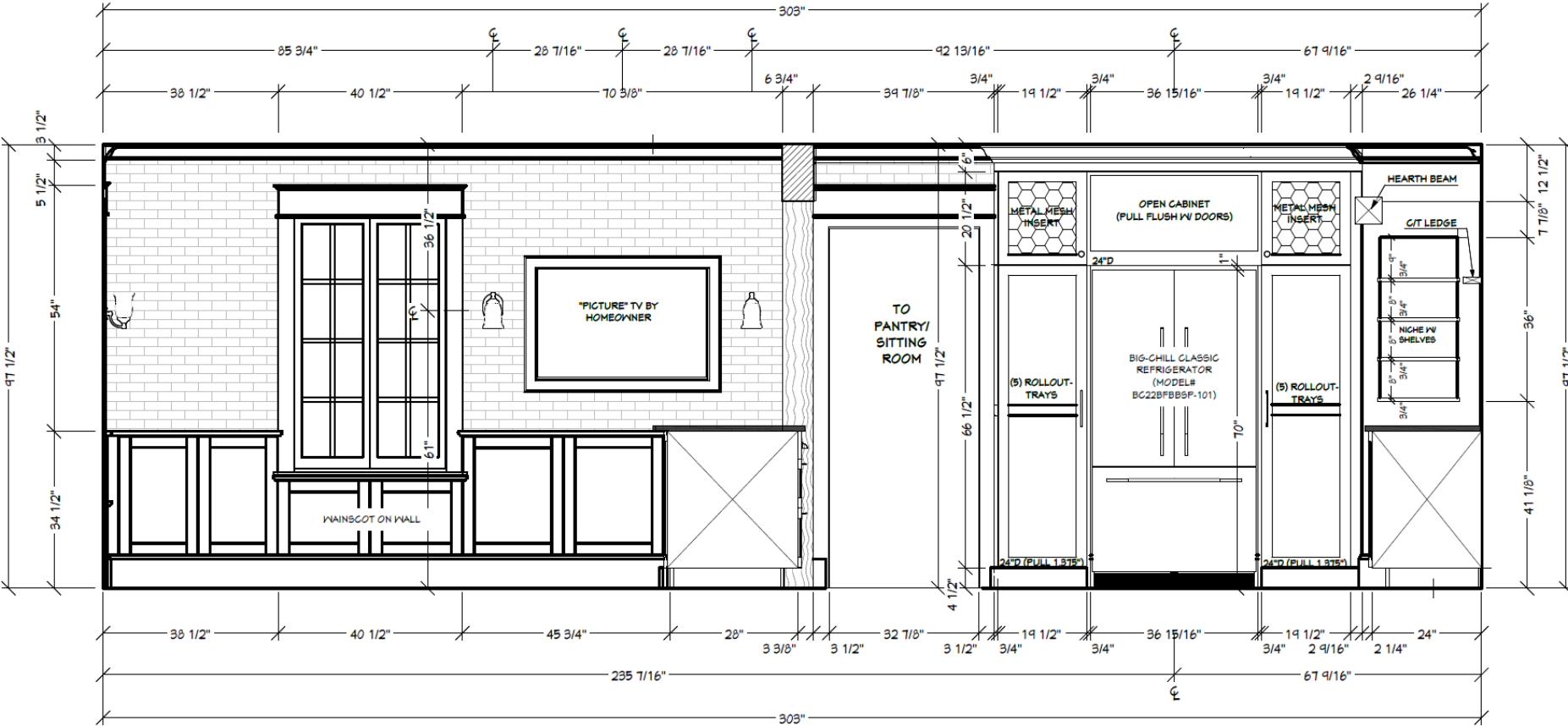


AFTER FLOOR PLAN

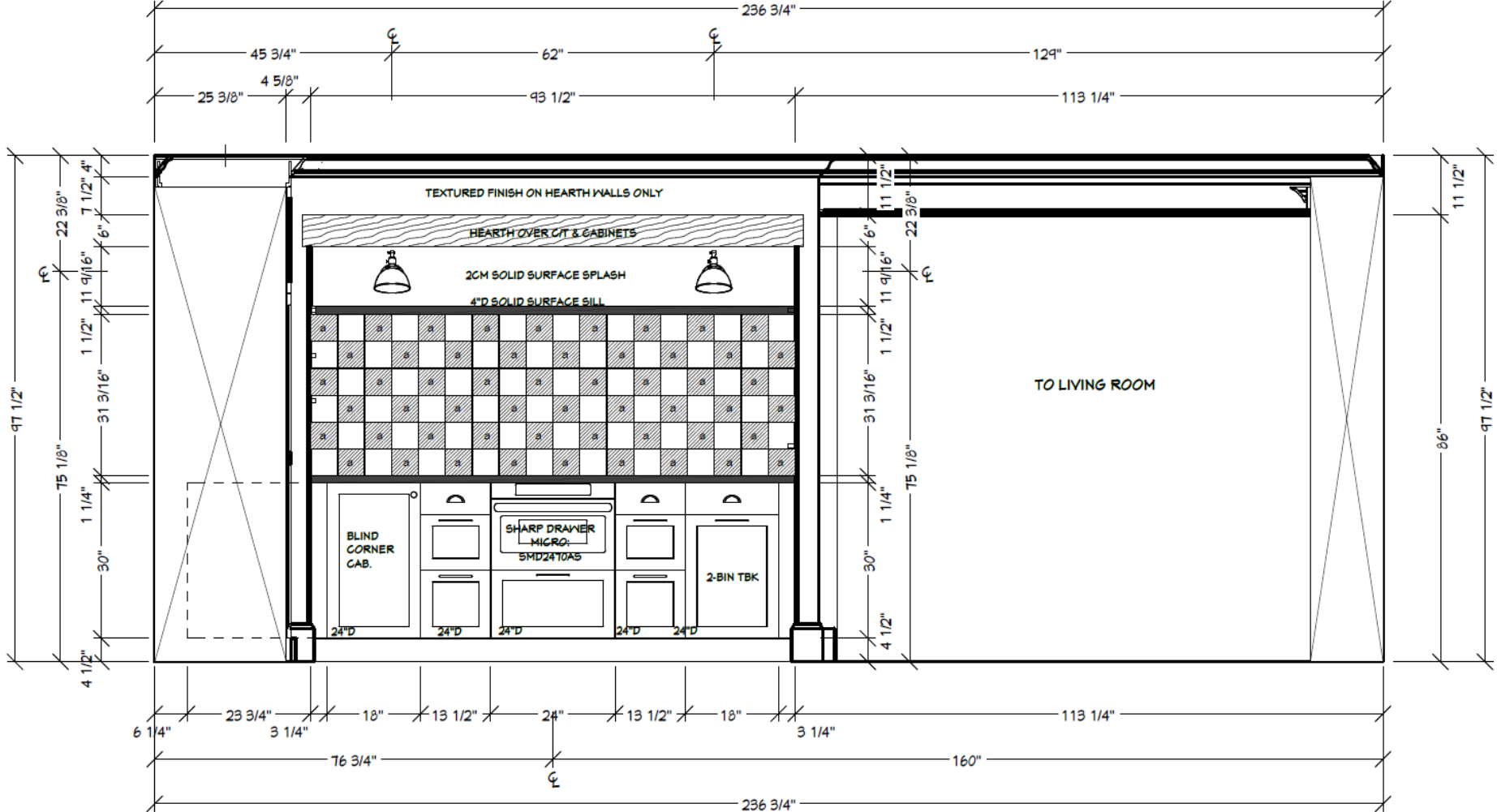
LEGEND	
	EXISTING WALLS
	NEW FULL HEIGHT WALLS
	NEW 40.5" H 1/2 WALL WITH HIDDEN DOG GATE
	CLOSED OPENING
	EXISTING SOFFIT TO REMAIN
	NEW BEAM
	EXISTING BEAM
	NEW WOOD POSTS W/ RECLAIMED WOOD WRAP
	NEW WOOD HEARTH MANTLE W/ RECLAIMED WOOD WRAP
	BASE CABINETS & MAINSCOT: MAPLE MFP440 DOOR W/ SW6307-FINE WINE PAINT COLOR
	TALL CABINETS & TALL PANELS: OAK PF440 DOOR W/ WINCHESTER STAIN COLOR
	3CM QUARTZ COUNTERTOPS, LEDGE & SPLASH @ HEARTH WALL: WILSONART, NOVA SERRANA W/ EASED EDGE
①	RECLAIMED WOOD WRAP OVER EXISTING BEAMS & POST
②	RECLAIMED WOOD-WRAP OVER NEW BEAMS, POST & HEARTH MANTLE
③	FLOOR TILE: 6" X 7" HEX TERRA COTTA TILE, COTTO DORATTO COLOR
④	WALL TILE & BACKSPLASH TILE: CTM, LAF 2.5"X8", PRUNE TILE IN 50/50 BRICK PATTERN
⑤	HEARTH WALL TILE: CUSTOM MADE TILE FROM EUROPE, OFF-WHITE SEPIA, PLAIN/ NO-CRACKLE W/ DECO CORNERS AND DECO PRINT. 1/2 PLAN/ DECO.
⑥	36" CLASSIC BIG-CHILL REFRIGERATOR: 22BF-CLA
⑦	48" CLASSIC BIG-CHILL GAS RANGE
⑧	BEST DOWN-DRAFT D49M W/ RECIRCULATING KIT-ANKD
⑨	24" BOSCH PANEL READY DISHWASHER: SHV78CM3N
⑩	SHARP 24" BUILT-IN DRAWER MICROWAVE: SMD24T0AS



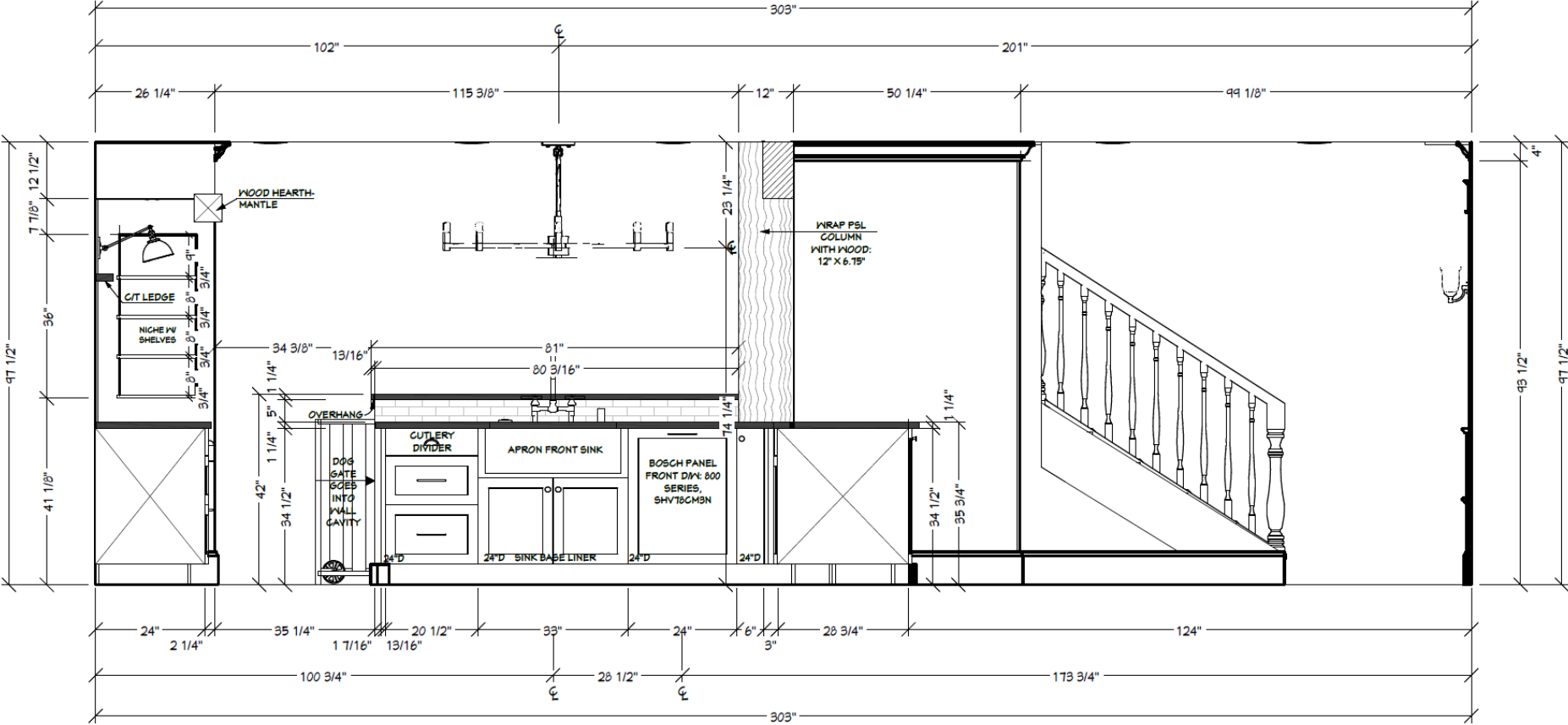
ELEVATION – E1



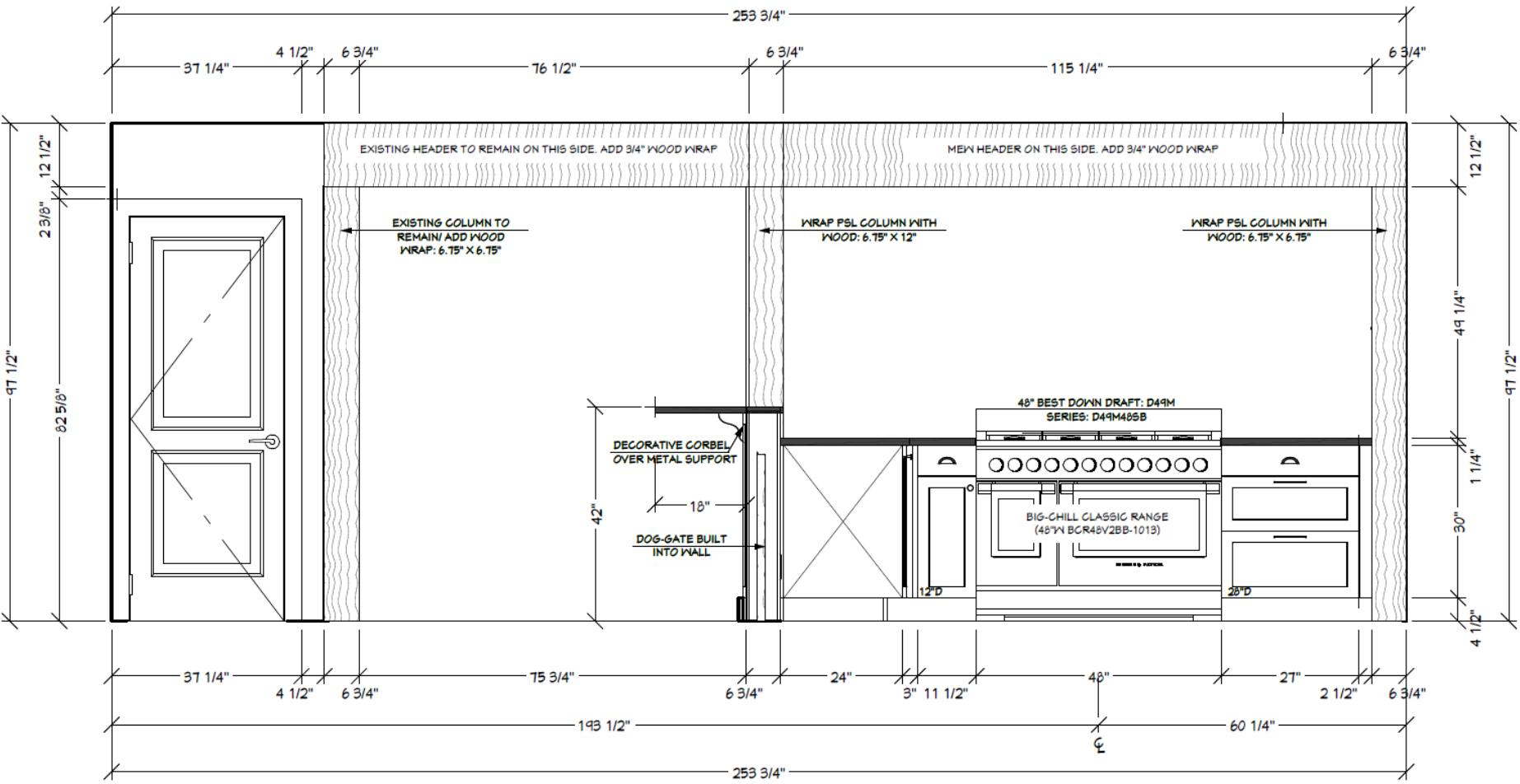
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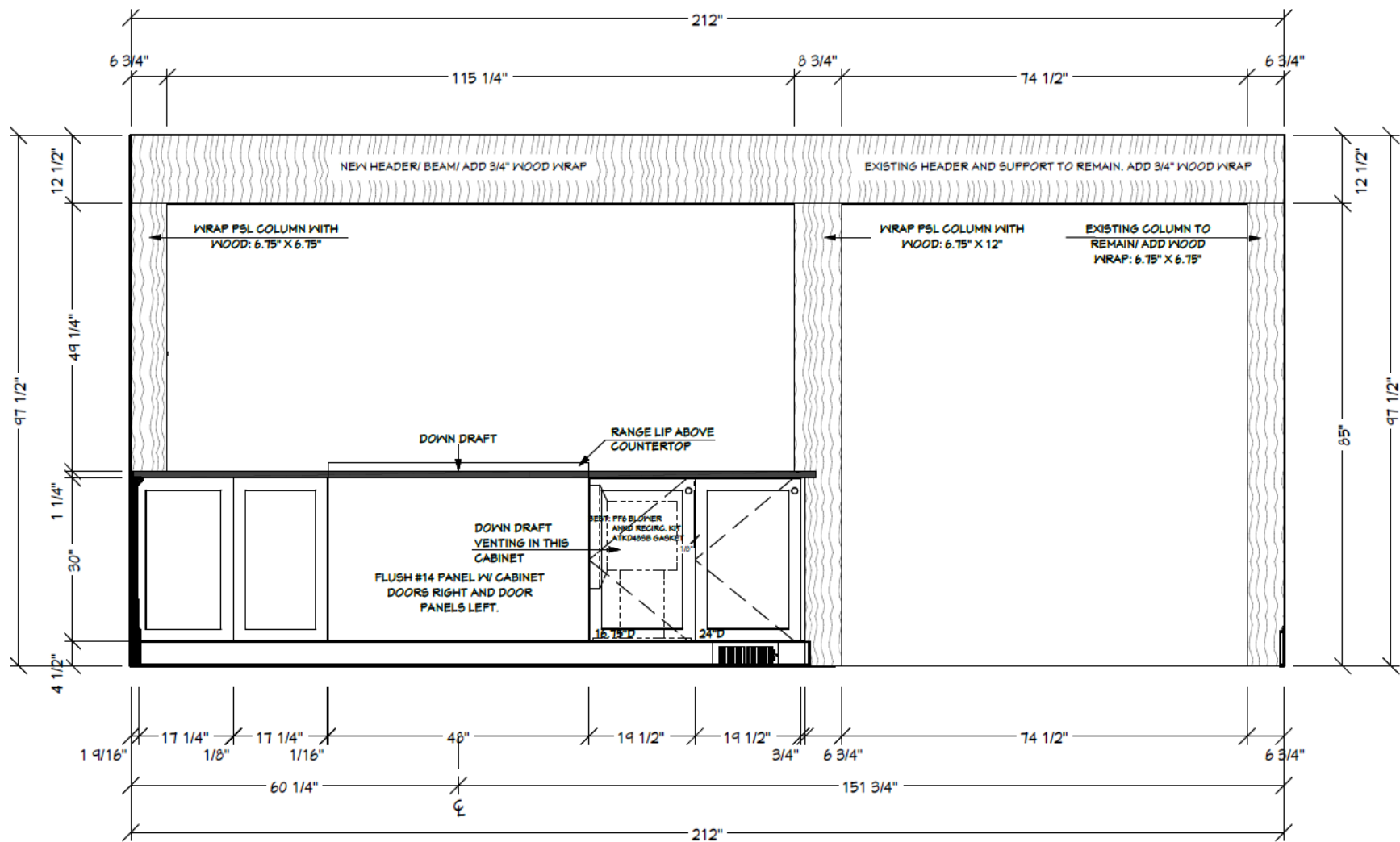
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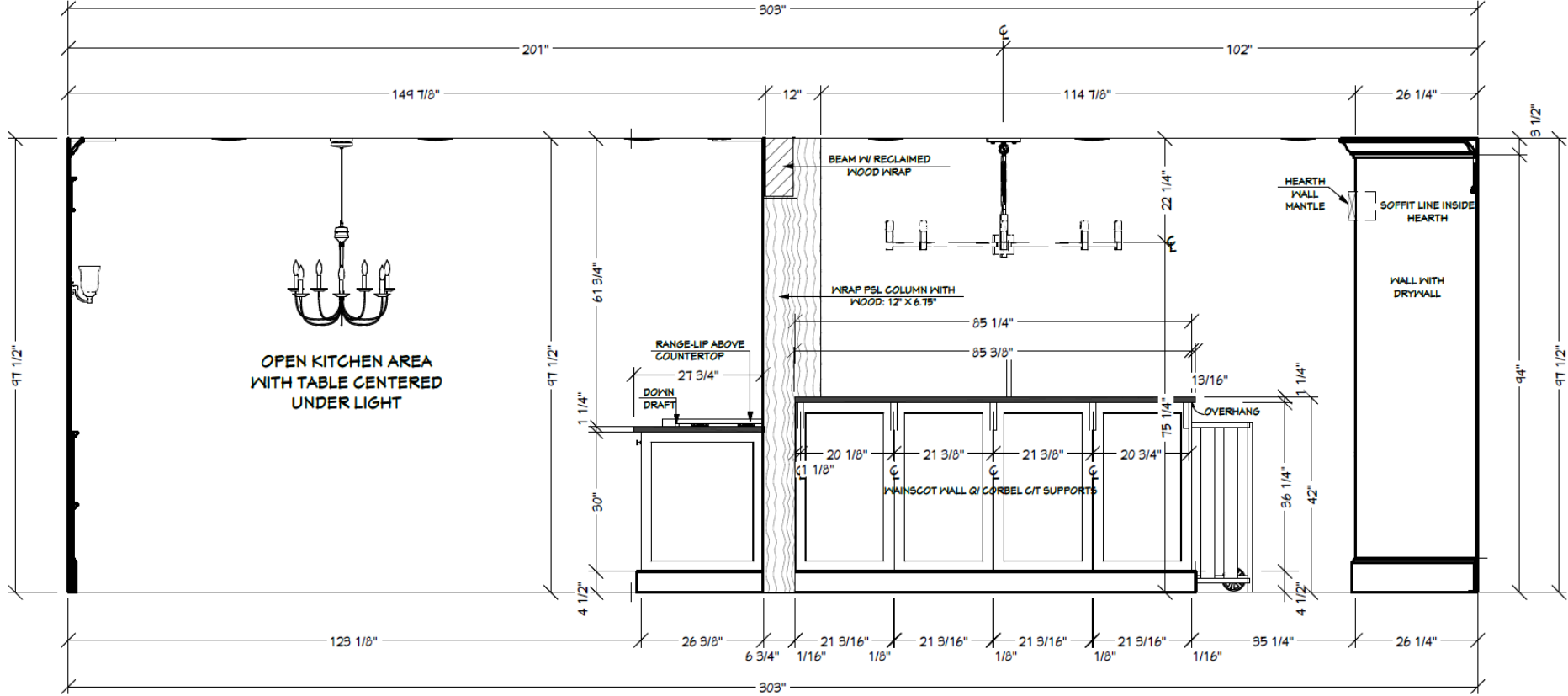
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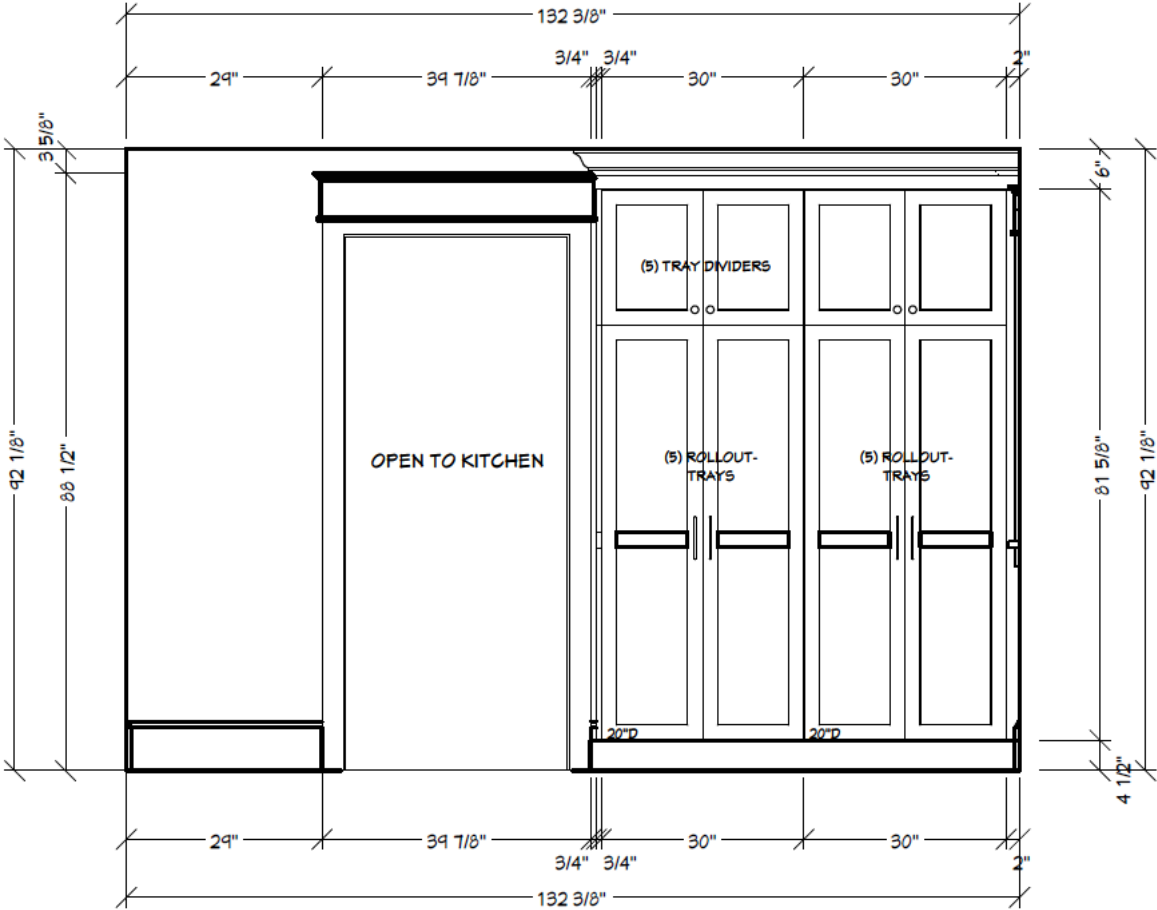
ELEVATION – E5



ELEVATION – E6



ELEVATION – E7



AESTHETIC DESIRES & DESIGN SOLUTIONS



Perspective Drawing

Client Inspiration & Desired Aesthetic:

Sparked by a photo of a celebrity's warm, colorful, and inviting ranch house, the clients dreamed of a spacious, open-concept eat-in kitchen that would blend rustic charm with refined detail—rich in texture, soul, and purpose that could be used for entertainment as well as daily living.

Design Aesthetic Achieved: Used reclaimed materials, lots of textures, warm hues, Bold pops of color and thoughtful craftsmanship.

Key Design Elements Incorporated:

Texture:

Reclaimed wood veneer wraps on structural beams and the hearth-style mantel mimic weathered, aged timber.

Color & Pattern:

Sepia-toned delft deco tiles paired with Plum-colored field tiles on three feature walls provide deep richness and artistic flair.

Focal Point:

Clients favorite design element, a faux-hearth alcove designed for prep and serving includes niche shelving for spices, plants, cookbooks, and cherished décor.

Balance & Proportion:

Each of the 4 prep zone walls in the kitchen have a splash of cream to visually balance the room. The new open layout brings harmony to a once visually oversized addition, establishing unity and rhythm in scale throughout the home.



Perspective Drawing

Storage Accessibility:

- *Two new large pantry cabinets just outside the kitchen provide convenient access to food storage while two tall pantry cabinets left and right of refrigerator house the most often used kitchen equipment.
- * Integrated niches, lots of drawers and cabinetry accessories accommodate storage without clutter.

Functionality & Ergonomics:

- *Generous landing spaces near the refrigerator, range, sink and microwave provides ample prep space and maximizes the workflow.
- *Elevated bar seating outside the main work zone welcomes guests without interrupting cooking Tasks and maintains much room in walkway for guests and dogs to run and play.

SAFETY & INOVATION

Perspective Drawing



Safety:

- *Strategic single-entry point into the kitchen's workspace with hidden dog door discreetly integrated into the cabinetry to keep their "countertop height" dogs safe and out of trouble.
- *18" pop-up downdraft behind the range prevents dogs and guests from reaching across hot burners.

Innovation:

- *Created the much-desired look of a hearth on a wall without a range to be utilize as a prep zone
- *recirculating pop up vent to maintain the open floorplan and achieve clients' desires of having the range facing the direction of future guests.

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS –P1

Once an old schoolhouse, rebuilt after a fire and layered with multiple homeowner-built additions, the home presented several structural and mechanical challenges.

Two load-bearing walls were removed, requiring rerouting of complex mechanicals to achieve the open-concept layout.

Before Photo



Fire-damaged framing and an uneven subfloor (with multiple layered buildup) were corrected for flush, stable transitions throughout.

Before Photo



New smooth transitions



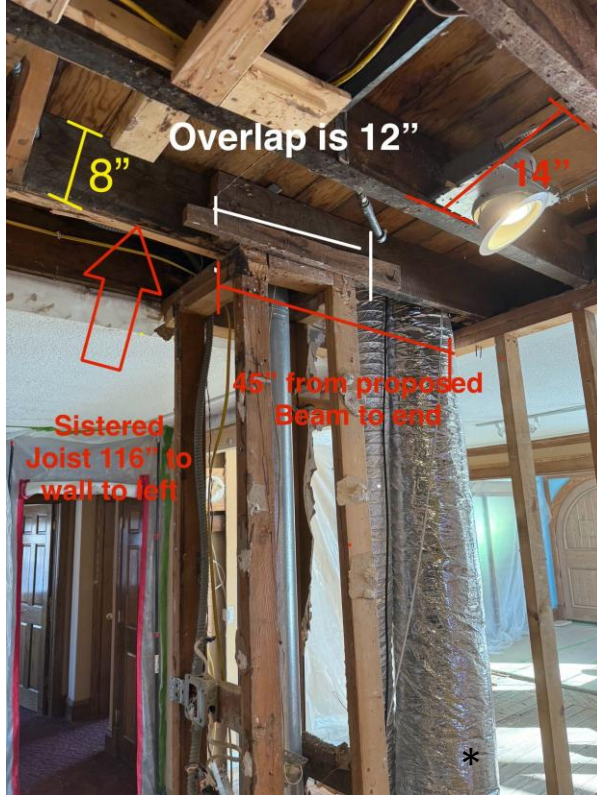
After Photos

One venting run needed to remain. To conceal it, a 2x4 frame was constructed and clad in reclaimed wood, transforming it into the appearance of a substantial architectural post.



STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS –P2

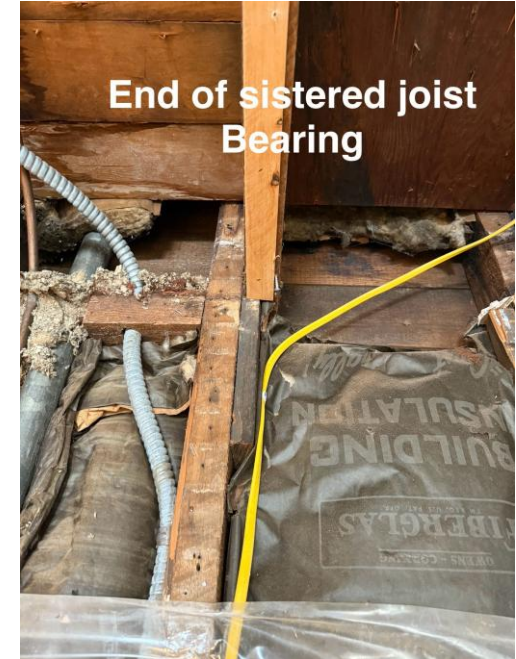
Before Photo



Challenge: there was fire damage and tie-ins that were not supported correctly.

Solution: We sistered the joists to reinforce firedamaged boards and cut up boards that were compromised. We also added support where posts were not stacked properly on bearing supports.

Before Photo



illegal wiring was reworked to bring the home up to code.

Challenge: Multiple additions had been constructed around this former schoolhouse room, there was no feasible way to vent the pop-up downdraft to the exterior.

Solution: we installed a recirculating downdraft into the cabinetry on the back side of the Peninsula.



SUPERIOR CRAFTSMANSHIP AND DETAILS

The doggie door was built into the Island wall to tuck away when not in use.



Construction Photos

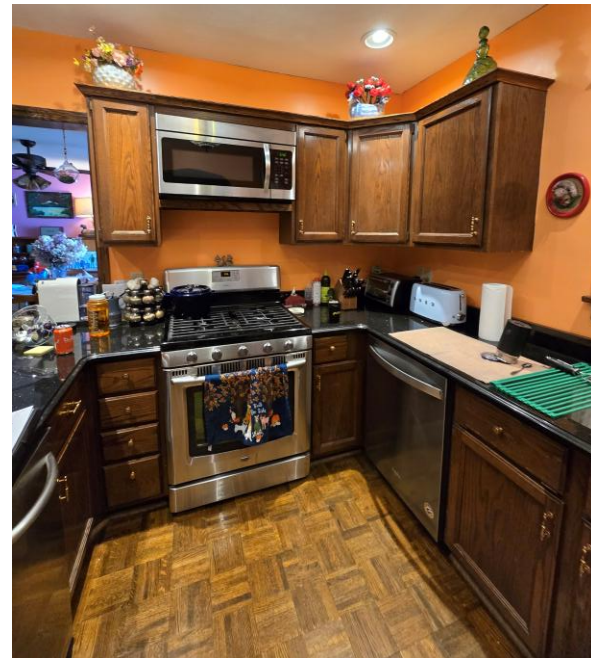
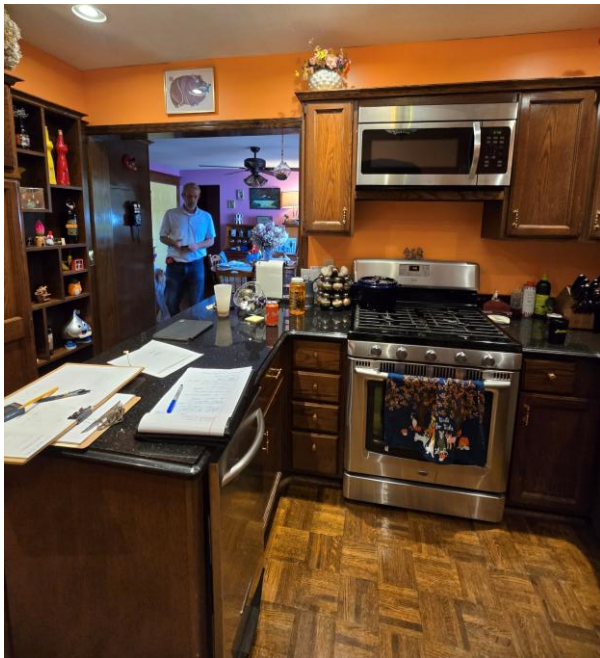
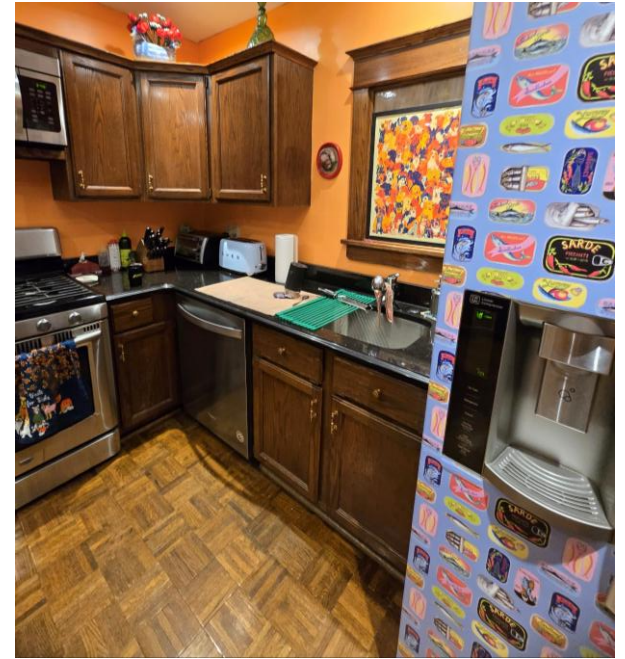
All window, door and ceiling trims were created to duplicate the existing trims. The wainscot paneling was built on site and was painted to match the cabinetry.

The hearth look surround is trimmed with matching oak shelves and crown molding, custom European tiles, quartz wall clad with ledge and matching reclaimed post material mantel.





BEFORE PHOTOS



AFTER PHOTOS #1



AFTER PHOTOS #2



AFTER PHOTOS #3



AFTER PHOTOS #4



AFTER PHOTOS #5

