



NARI MINNESOTA – 2025 ROTY AWARDS
PROJECT: FRENCH VILLA RETREAT
CATEGORY: RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR: \$100K - \$250K

CLIENT NEEDS

- The homeowners envisioned a kitchen that was not only updated in style but also highly functional, with an open layout that encouraged connection between the kitchen, dining room, and living room. The existing main floor, however, posed significant challenges. A dividing wall separated the dining room from the kitchen, creating a closed-off feel that limited how the family could use the space. This wall restricted the flow of movement, blocked natural light, and interrupted sightlines, making the home feel smaller and less inviting.
- Update powder room.
- Update flooring as the current flooring was worn and outdated.



BEFORE



CHALLENGES

One of the most significant challenges of this remodel was removing a wall that contained essential plumbing, electrical, and HVAC ductwork. To achieve the open-concept layout the clients envisioned, we carefully rerouting critical systems. This process was essential in transforming the main floor into a brighter, more connected living environment while maintaining the home's structural integrity.



SOLUTIONS

To achieve the open and connected space the homeowners envisioned, we removed the wall that divided the kitchen and dining room. This structural change dramatically improved the main floor's flow, creating a seamless transition between the kitchen, dining, and living areas. By opening up the layout, natural light could travel further into the home, enhancing brightness and warmth throughout the space. The improved sightlines made the entire main floor feel larger and more cohesive, while the reconfigured layout provided the flexibility and functionality needed for both everyday family life and effortless entertaining.

AFTER



KITCHEN

The vision for this kitchen was to create a space that feels bright, welcoming, and highly functional. Crisp white cabinetry paired with Quartzite countertops and a full-height backsplash at the range reflect the natural light from the large windows. A central island with seating invites casual dining and conversation, while seamlessly integrated, panel-ready appliances maintain a clean, streamlined look. Refinished cherry wood floors, complemented by soft matte finishes, introduce warmth and depth, bringing balance to the contemporary design. The result is an airy, sophisticated kitchen that blends style with everyday practicality.

BEFORE

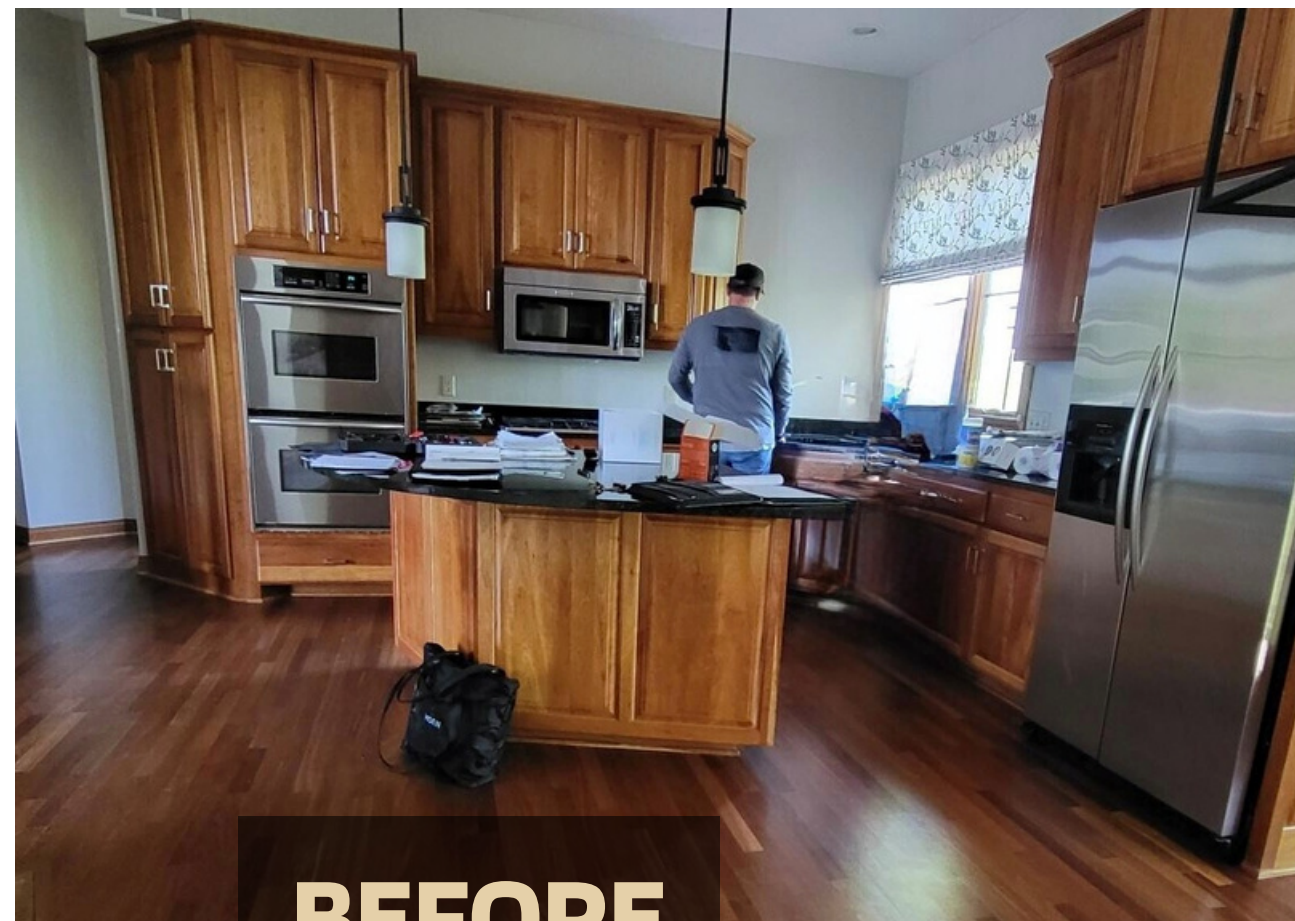


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FUNCTIONALITY

- **Open layout:** Removed wall to improve flow and accessibility between kitchen, dining, and living areas.
- **Versatile island:** Large island offers extra prep space, seating, and a hub for entertaining.
- **Smart storage:** Extra-large roll-out drawers, custom cabinet rollouts, and a dedicated coffee bar keep everything organized.
- **Professional appliances:** Dual fuel range provides high performance for everyday cooking and special occasions.



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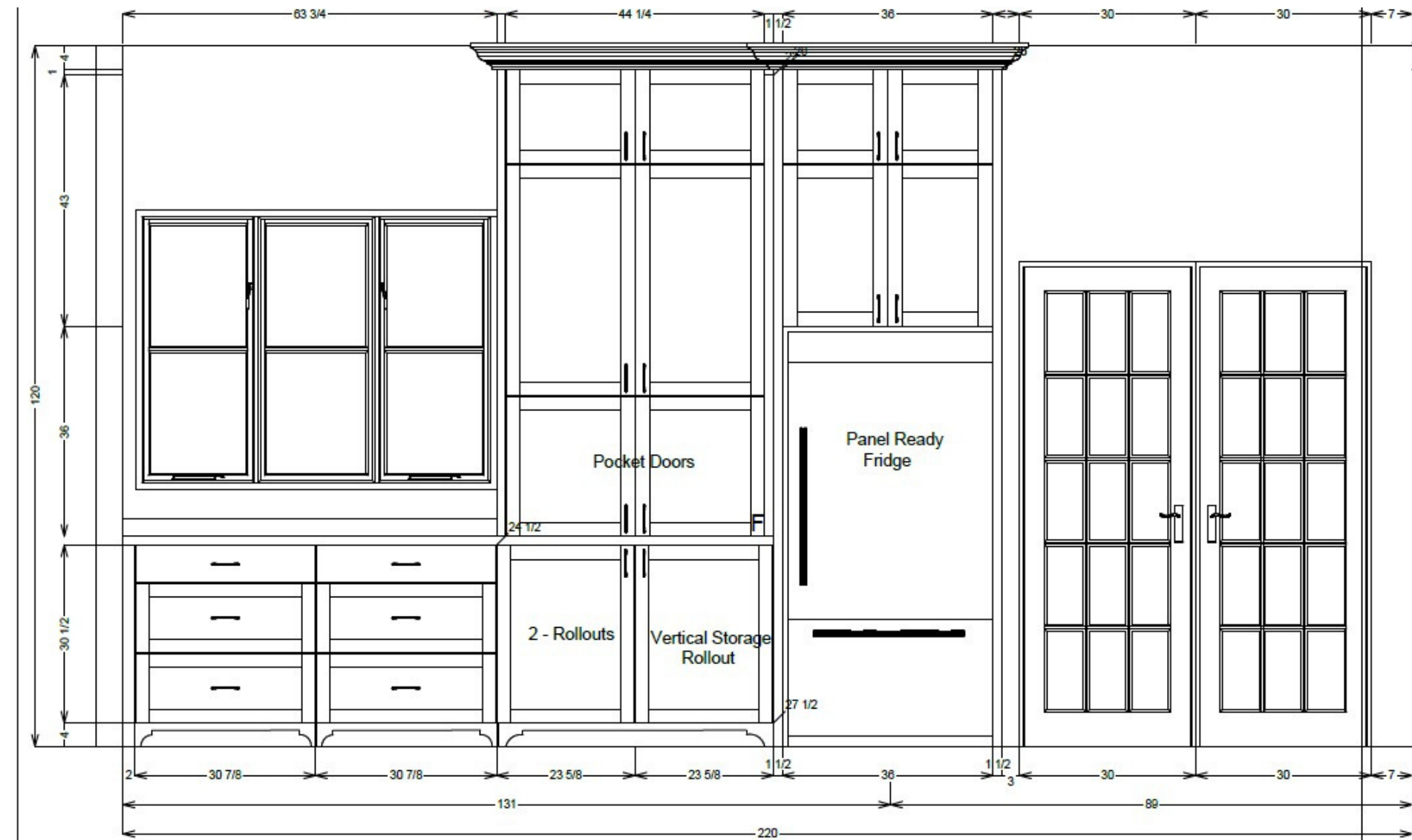
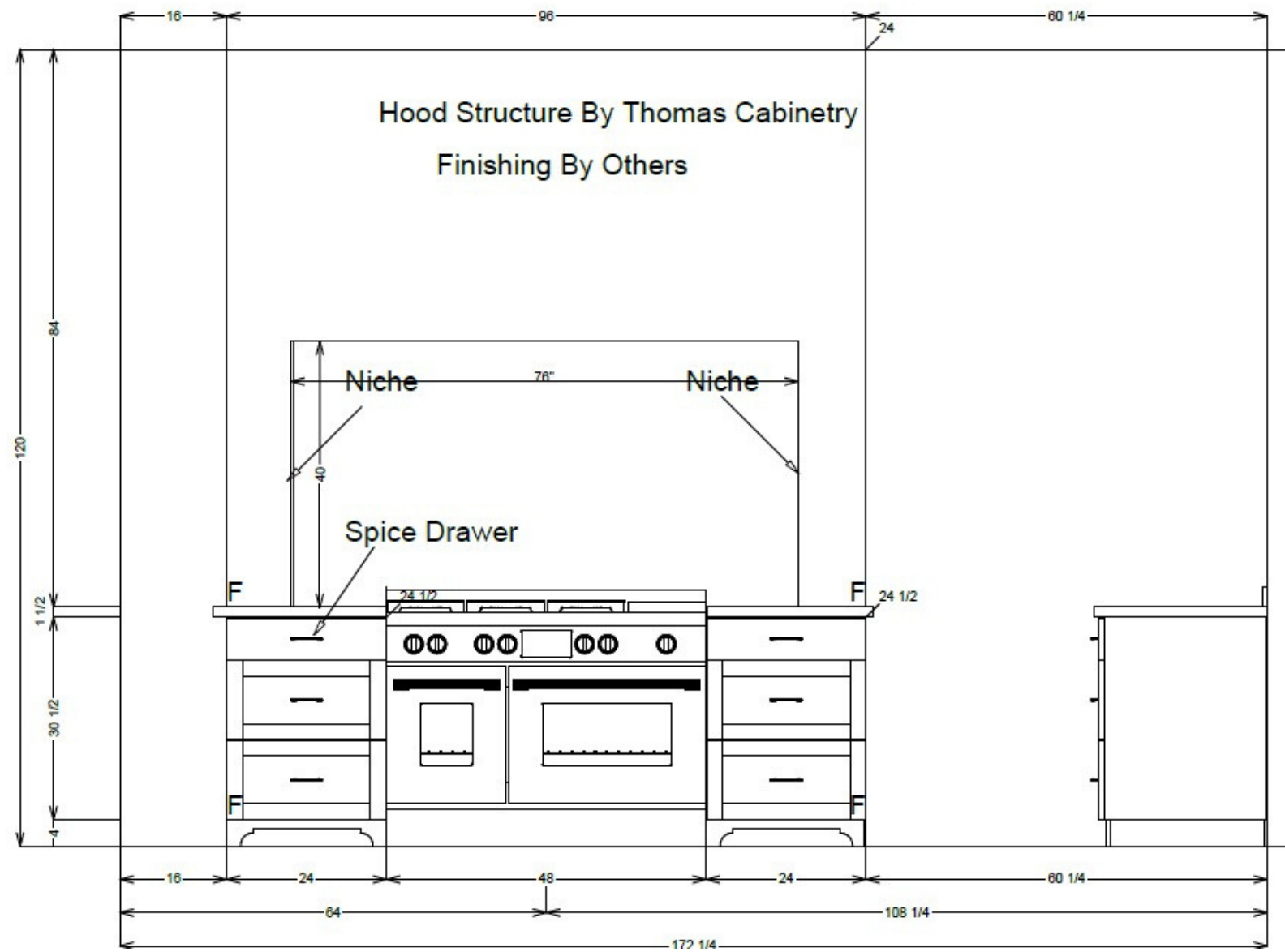
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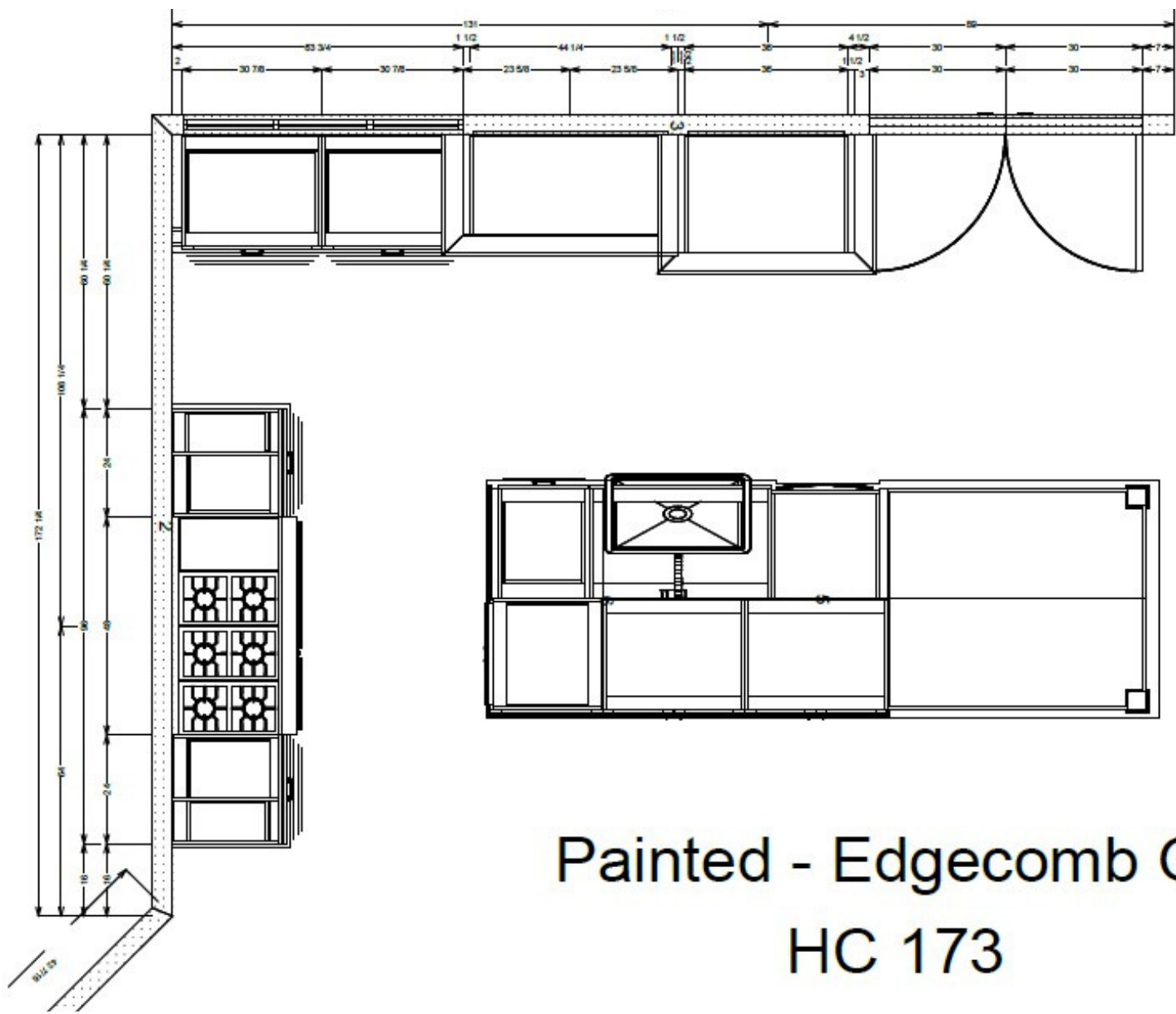
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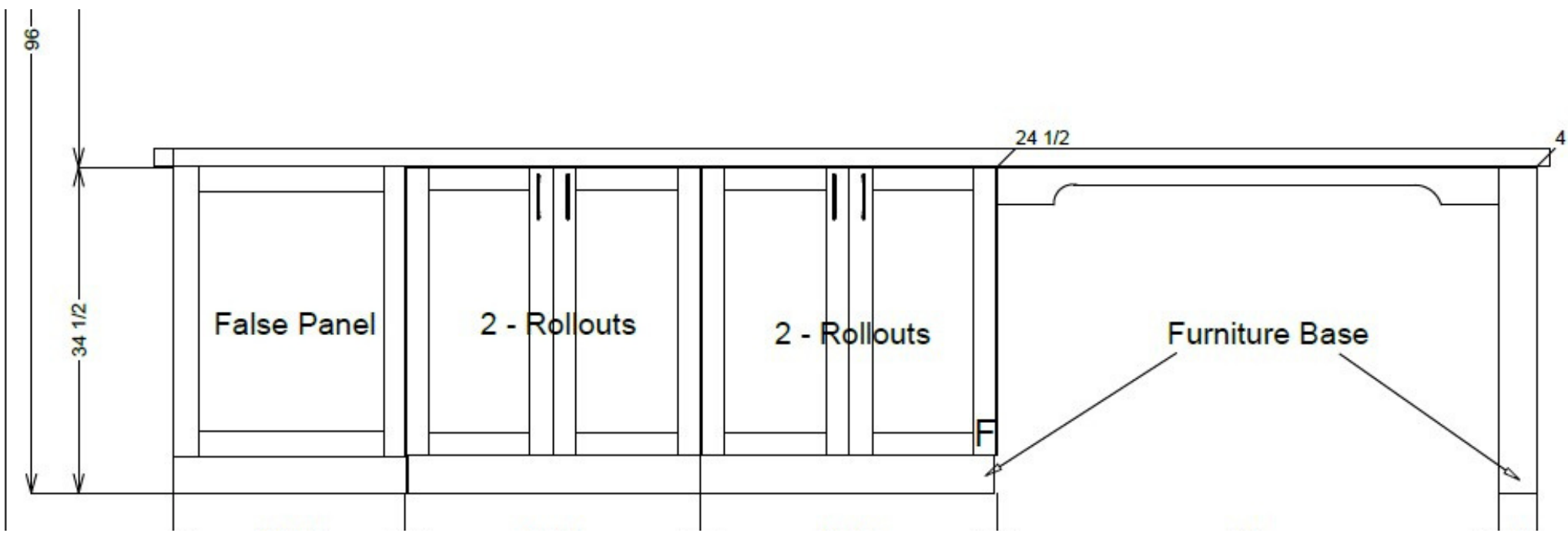
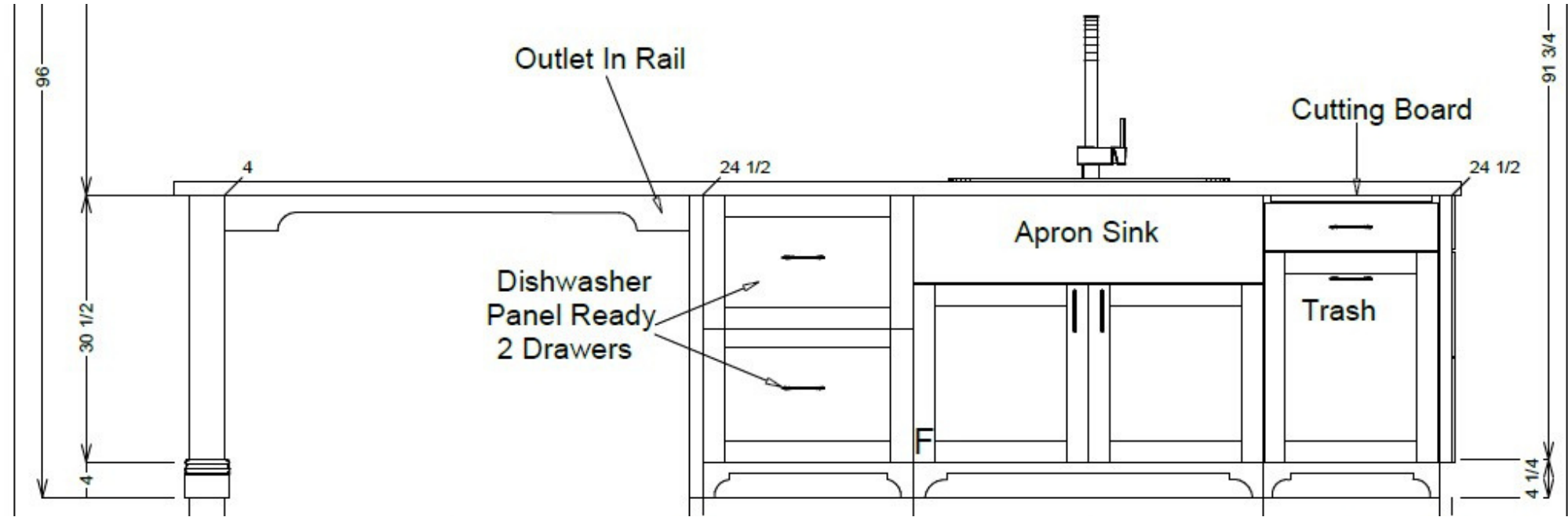
ELEVATIONS



LAYOUT & ELEVATIONS



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LIVING ROOM

CLIENT REQUESTS : Work with the existing wood but Lighten up the space to make It bright and cheery!

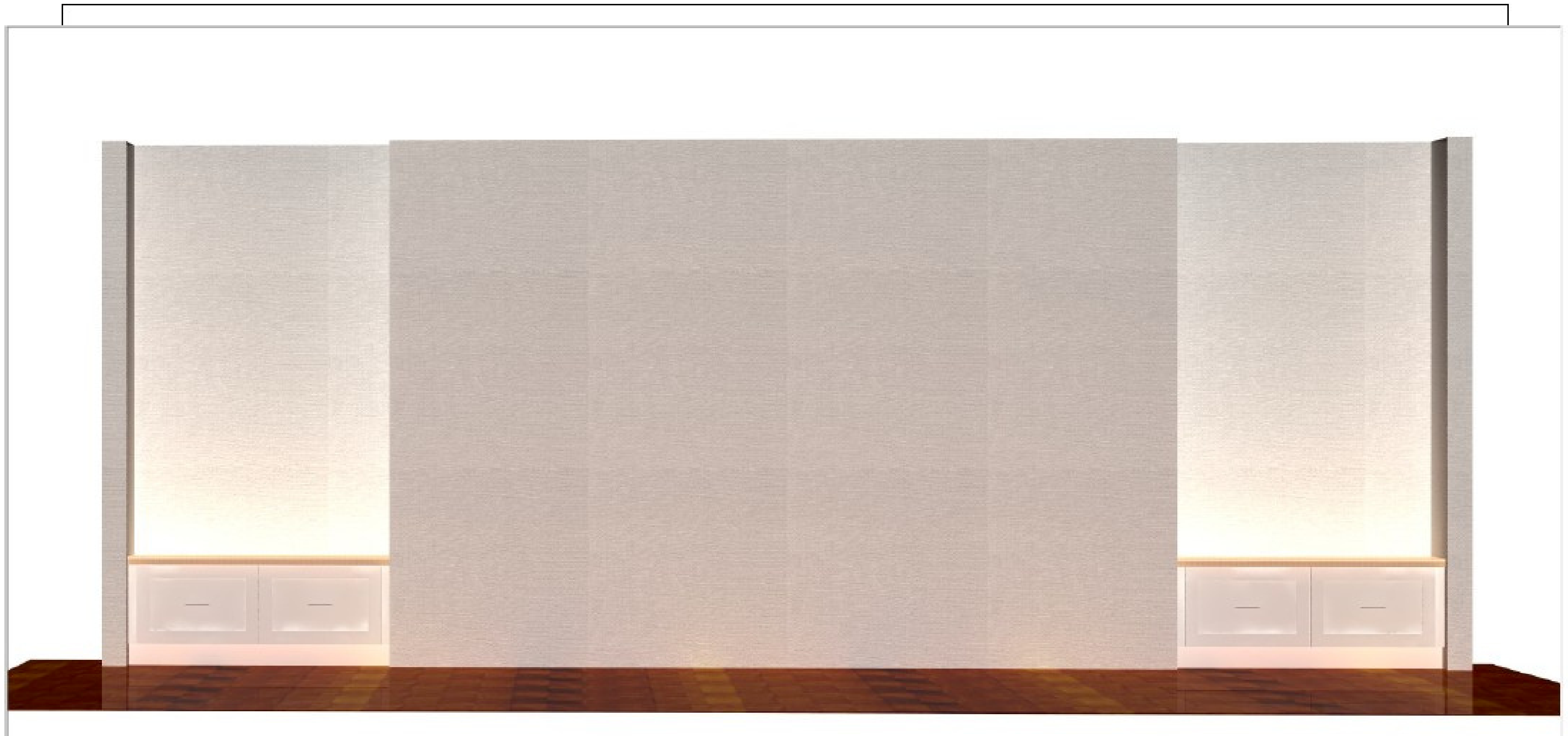
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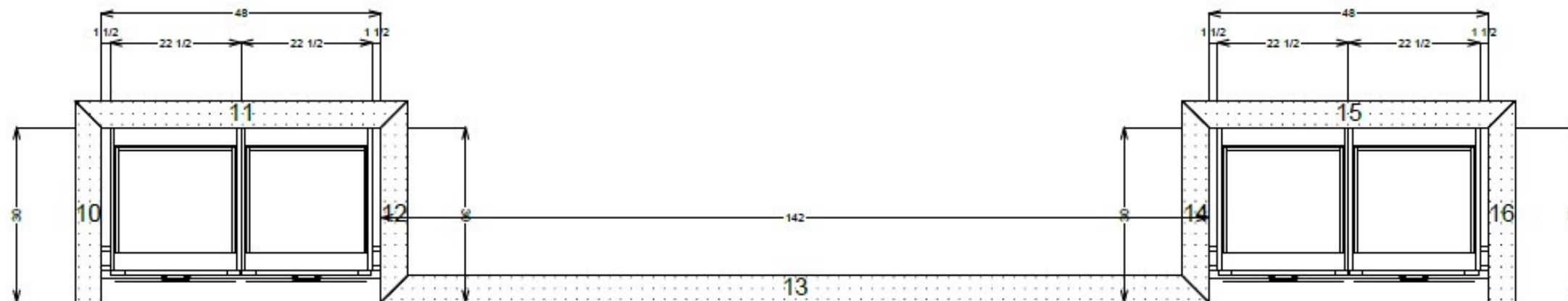
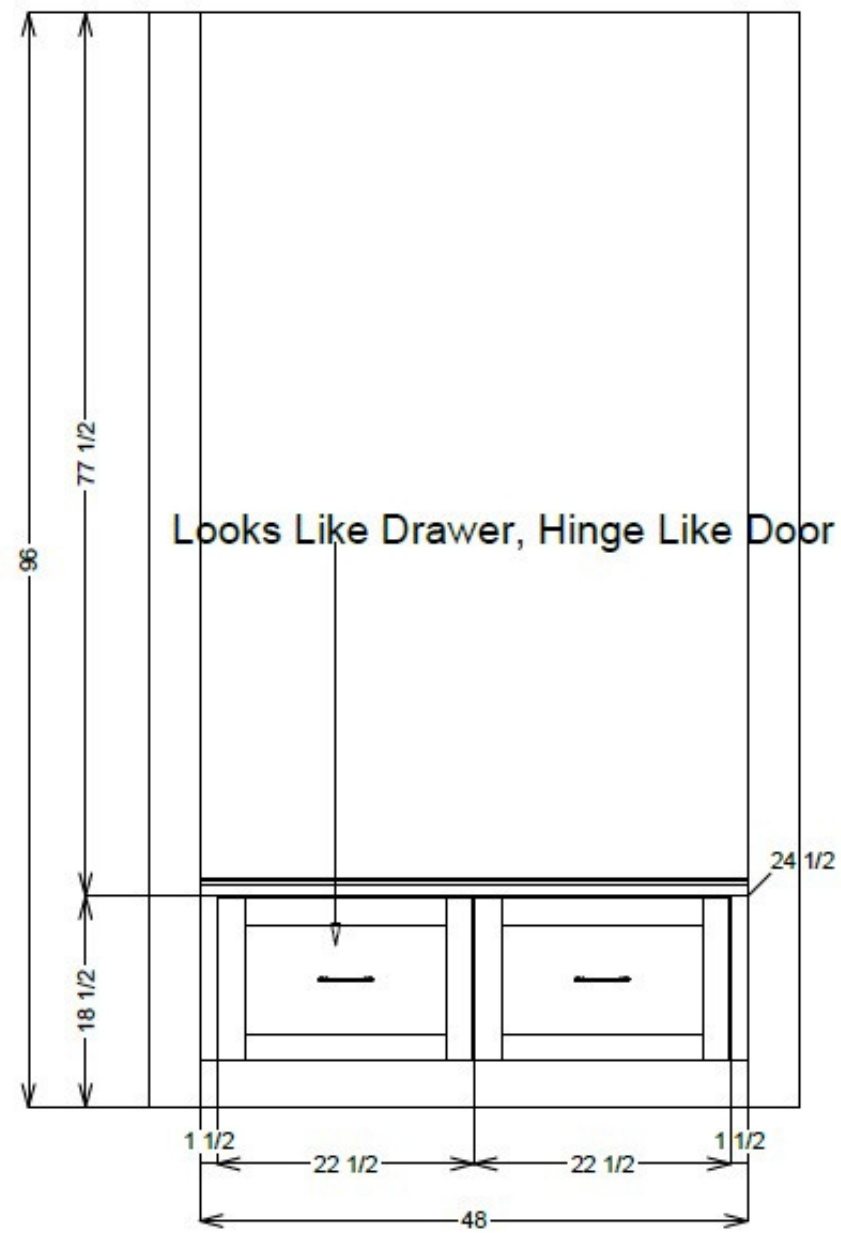
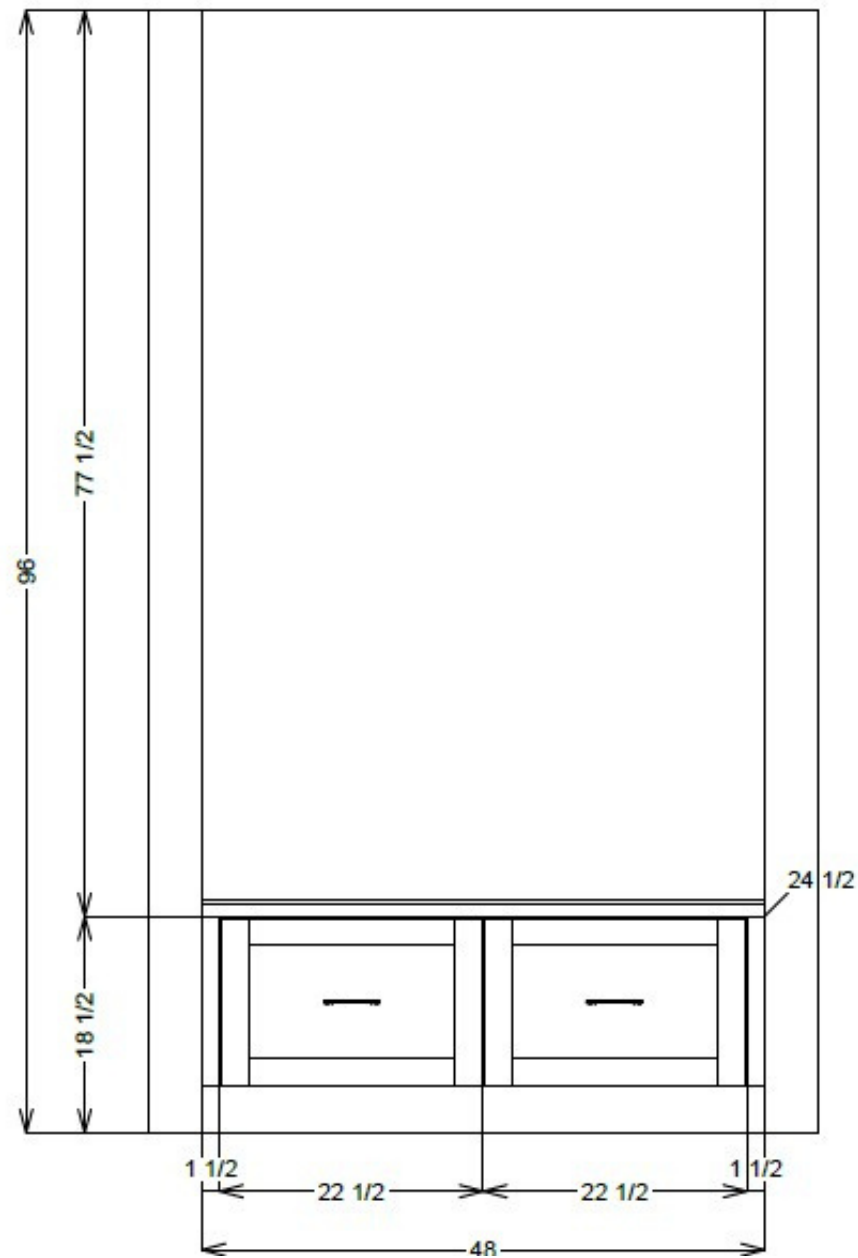
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POWDER BATH

This dated powder bath was transformed into a dramatic, sophisticated space. A wall-mounted marble sink, paired with brass fixtures, creates a striking focal point, while rich wall color, sculptural sconces, and an asymmetrical mirror add modern elegance.

The result is a functional yet stylish room that feels polished and memorable.

BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE

DINNING ROOM

The carpet was removed and replaced with hardwood flooring, seamlessly feathered in to unify the kitchen, dining, and living areas into one continuous, elegant floorplan.

The space now feels more open, cohesive, and elevated.



AFTER



CRAFTSMANSHIP AND INNOVATION:

- Custom cabinetry was thoughtfully designed around the homeowners' lifestyle, incorporating tailored storage solutions that enhance functionality while maintaining a seamless, stylish aesthetic.
- Quartzite countertops paired with a full-height backsplash at the range enhance the natural light from expansive windows.
- Holes were then drilled into the steel beam to reroute the electrical and plumbing.
- Plumbing, electrical, and HVAC were rerouted and concealed within cabinetry and ceilings, preserving the home's clean, streamlined aesthetic.
- Thoughtfully chosen lighting and electrical elements elevate both ambiance and functionality, ensuring every space feels as practical as it is beautiful.

