



Artist's A-Frame Residential Kitchen \$100,000-\$150,000

NARI 2026-ROTY AWARDS

Project-Artist's A-Frame Kitchen Remodel

Category: Residential Kitchen \$100,000-\$150,000

PROJECT STATEMENT:

Our client's riverfront home offered the perfect backdrop for a kitchen transformation that balanced rustic charm, artistic expression, and improved functionality. Inspired by the home's natural setting, existing quirky architectural elements, and the client's love of color we designed a space rich in texture, warmth, and personality. The finished kitchen is a true reflection of the homeowner's style, which also delivers the practical features she desired by substantially increased storage, generous work surfaces, improved organization, and a dedicated coffee bar.

CLIENT GOALS:

- Complete gut renovation and remodel
- Improve the overall flow and functionality of the workspace
- Maximize storage and create more efficient storage solutions
- Conceal unsightly architectural elements
- Preserve the character and charm of the existing brick fireplace wall
- Incorporate a dedicated coffee bar
- Create a neutral, timeless palette accented with thoughtful pops of color

PROJECT CHALLENGES AND OBJECTIVES:

- Our client's kitchen reflected its origins as a cabin-style getaway, where minimal cabinetry and limited storage were sufficient for occasional weekend use but no longer met the needs of a primary residence.
- The existing layout lacked both the function and style our clients desired for everyday living.
- Storage was tucked beneath the stairway and was not easily accessible.
- Valuable space along the brick wall shared with the living room fireplace was largely underutilized.
- The galley-style configuration failed to take full advantage of the available space, limiting both workspace and storage.
- The goal was to transform the kitchen into a more functional and inviting space while preserving the character and charm of the existing brick fireplace wall.



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PROJECT BEFORE PHOTOS

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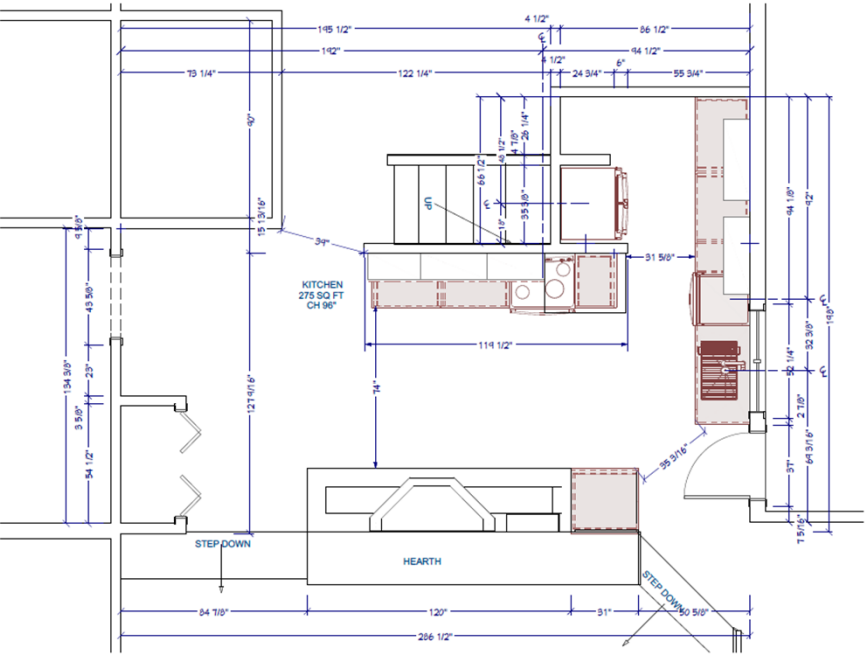


BEFORE PHOTO AND PERSPECTIVE

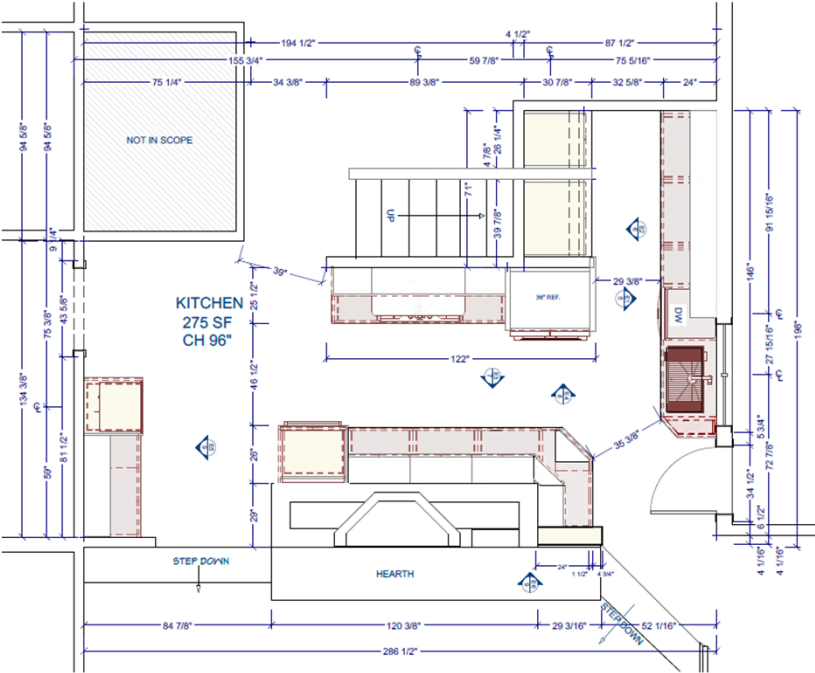


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BEFORE FLOOR PLAN

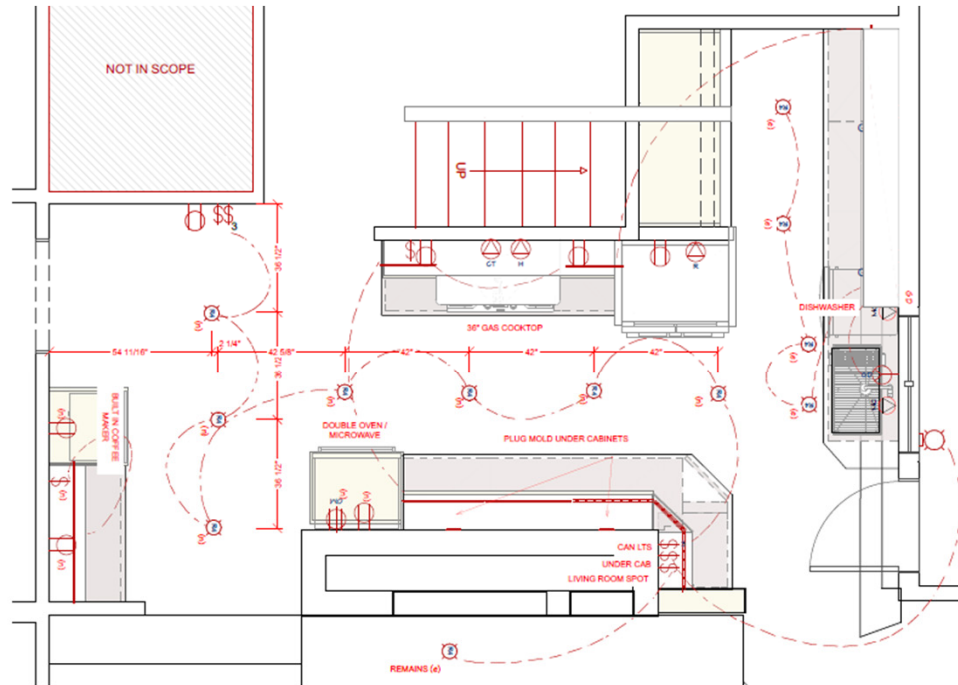


AFTER FLOOR PLAN



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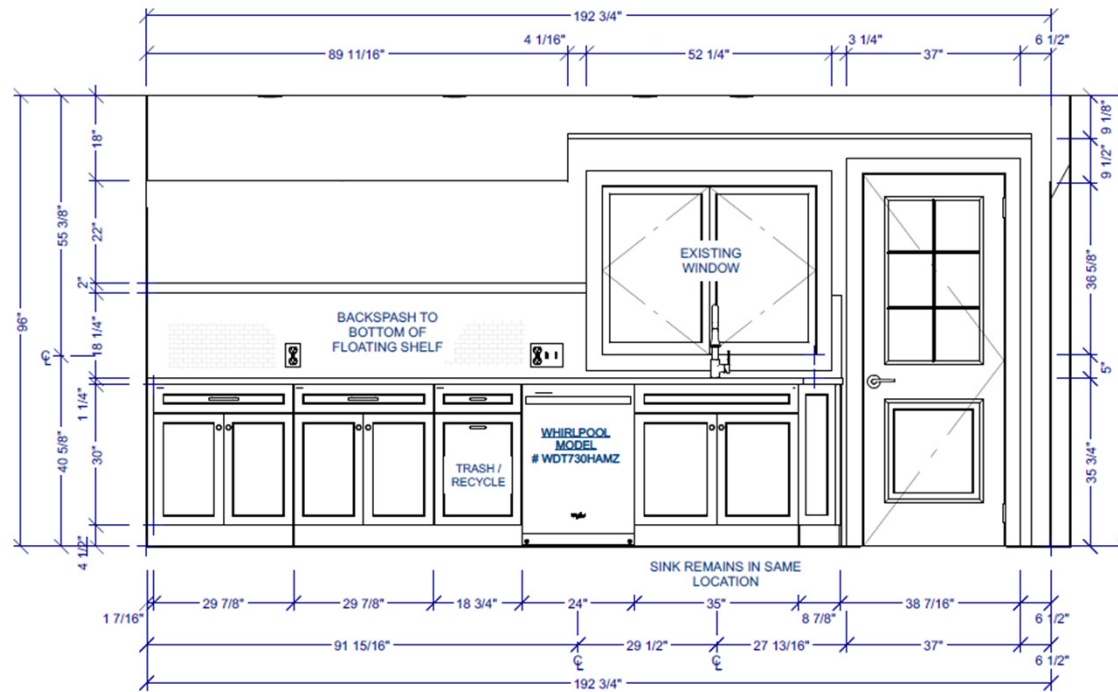
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	120V Receptacles: Refrigerator
	Rood Vent
	Gas Cooking
	Combo Electric Oven/Microwave
	Dishwasher
	110V Receptacles: Duplex, GFCI
	Switches: Single Pole, 3-Way
	Under Cabinet / In Cabinet Tape Lighting: LED, 3000K, Dimmable
	Washer and Electric Dryer



AFTER ELECTRICAL PLAN

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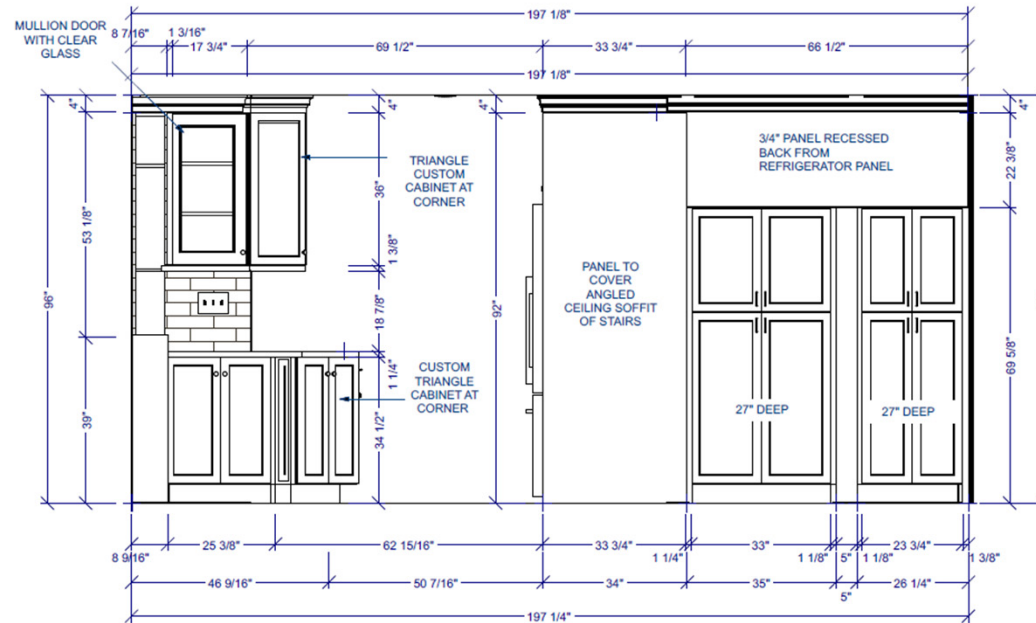
AFTER ELEVATION – EI



E1 SINK WALL ELEVATION
 1/2" = 1'-0"

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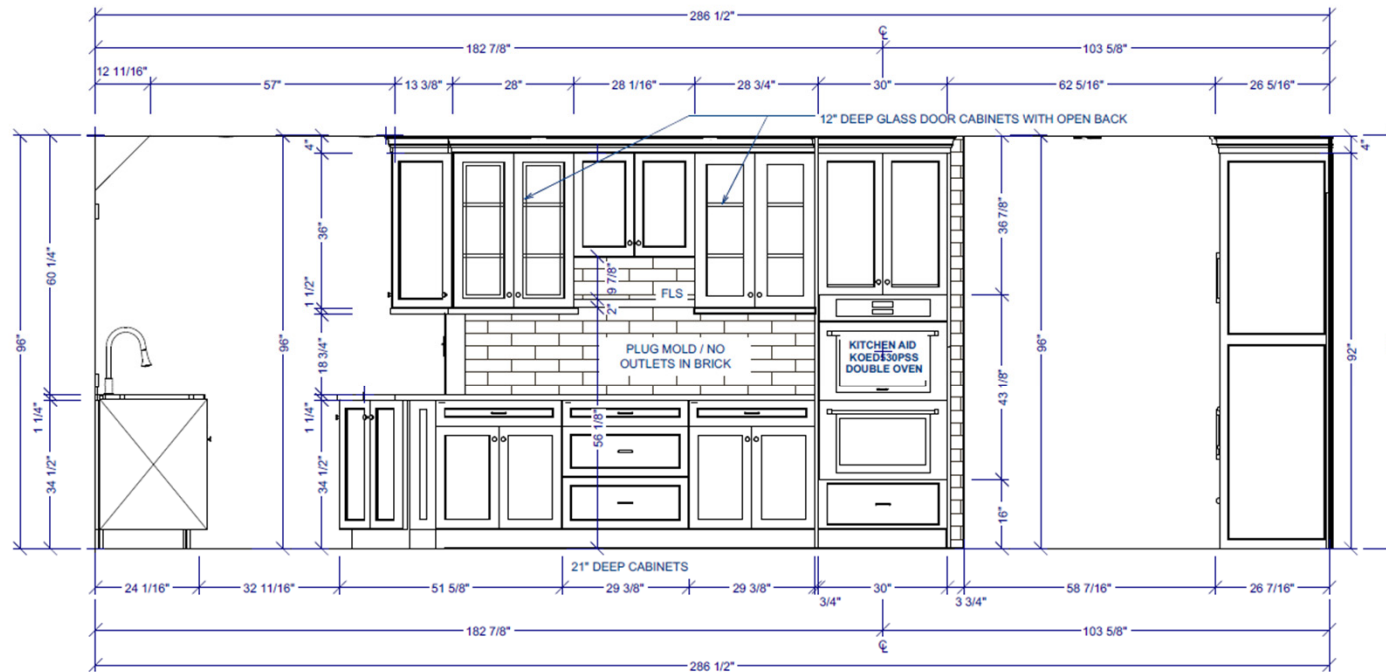
AFTER ELEVATION – E2



E2 PANTRY / BAR ELEVATION
1/2" = 1'-0"

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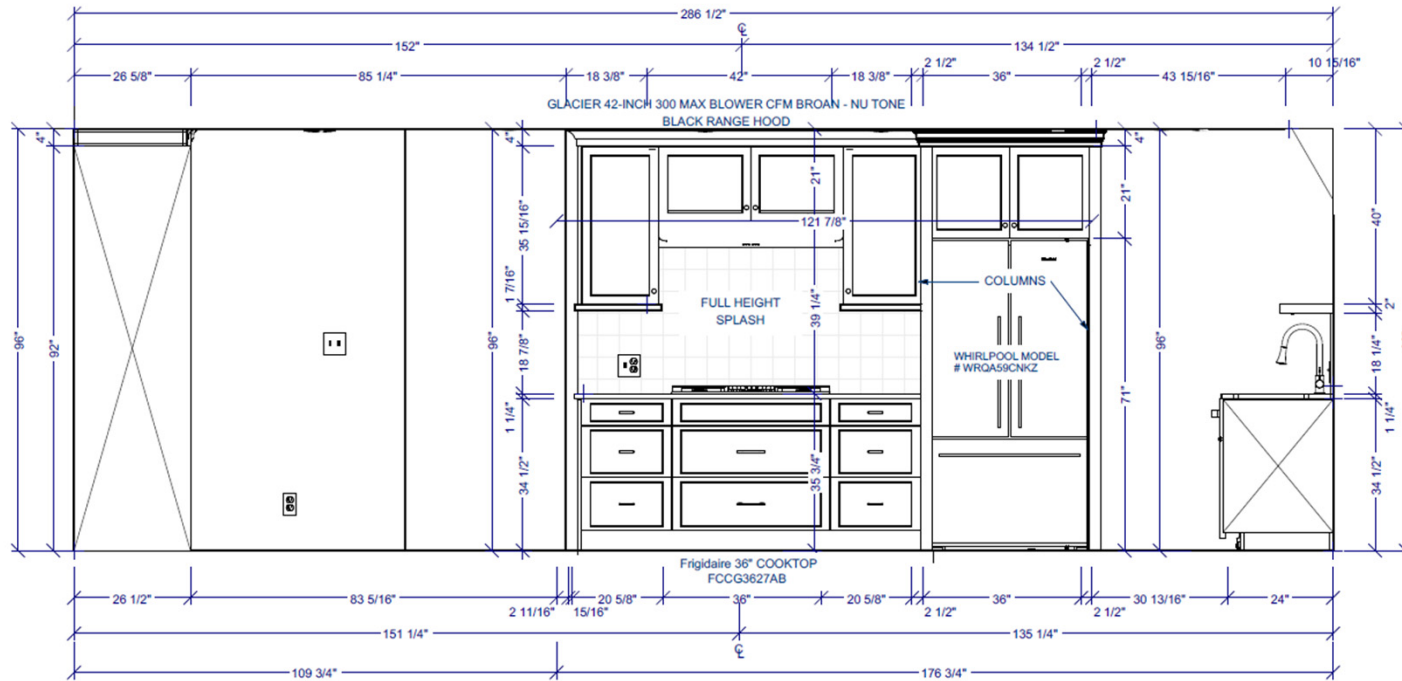
AFTER ELEVATION – E3



E3 BRICK WALL ELEVATION
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1/2" = 1'-0"

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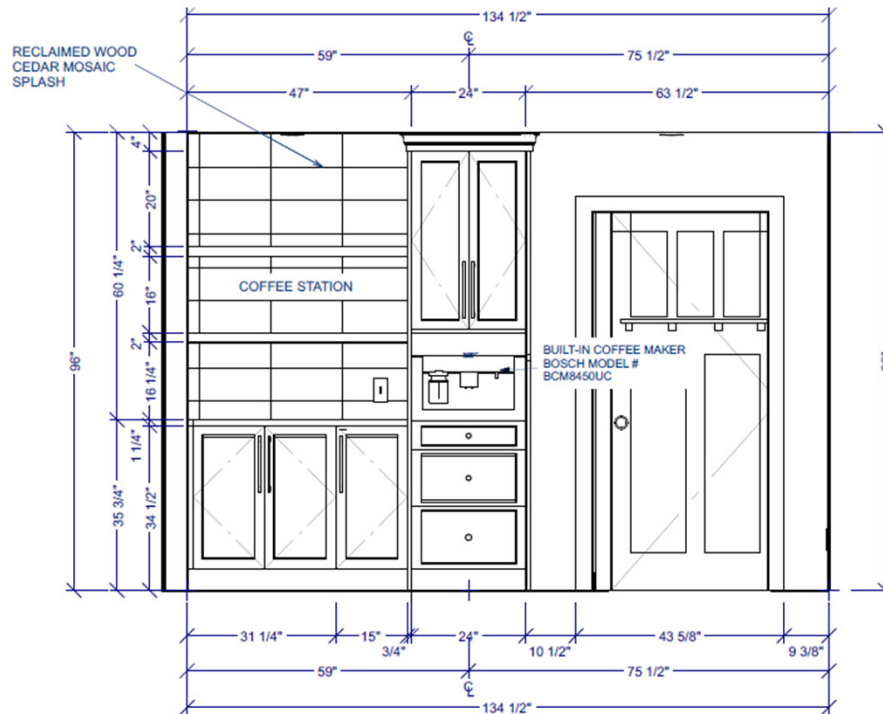
AFTER ELEVATION – E4



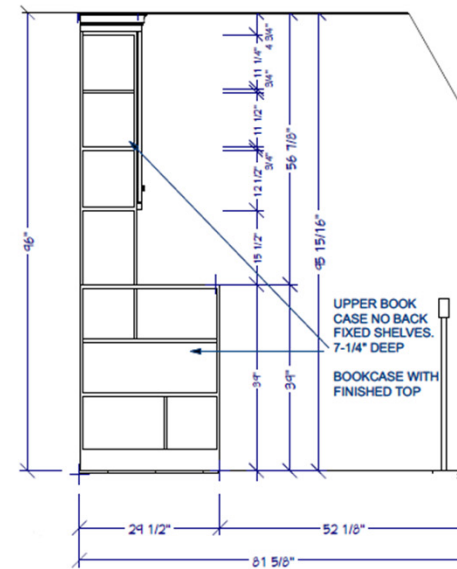
E4 COOKTOP WALL ELEVATION
1/2" = 1'-0"

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AFTER ELEVATION – E5 & E9



E5 COFFEE BAR WALL ELEVATION
1/2" = 1'-0"



E9 BOOKCASE ELEVATION
1/2" = 1'-0"

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PROJECT PERSPECTIVE DRAWINGS

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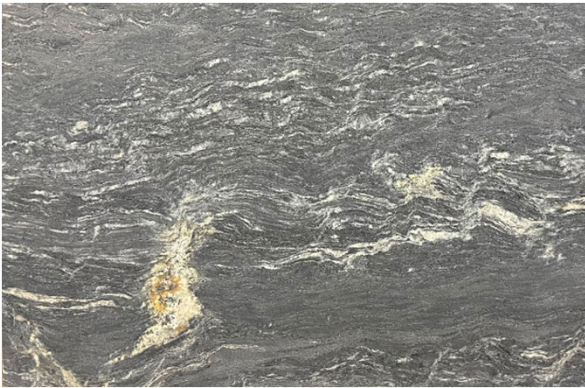
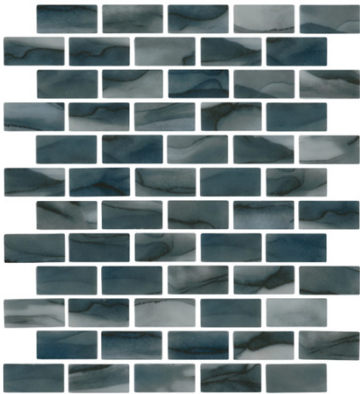


MATERIAL AND FINISHES:

Unique finishes blend rustic character with playful, whimsical touches, creating a striking juxtaposition that reflects our clients’ artistic sensibility. The handmade ceramic tile adds a personal touch, inspired by the client’s fascination with pottery.

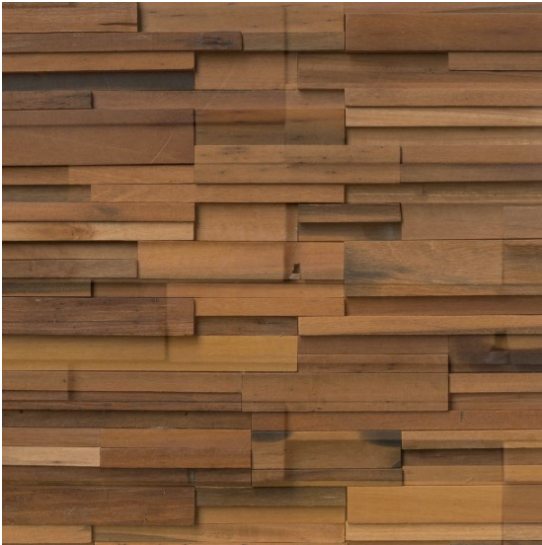


Glass mosaic tile at the sink back splash compliments the color palette with a shimmery organic feel of light reflecting on water.



Beautiful granite offers a striking contrast to the natural alder and blue/gray cabinet colors.

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Wood splash at the coffee bar added texture and charm.



Organic shaped cabinet hardware at the coffee bar area cabinetry reinforce the natural elements.



CONSTRUCTION:

BEFORE:



Wiring for lighting and outlets.

AFTER:



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CONSTRUCTION:

BEFORE:



DURING:



AFTER:



Custom-designed cabinetry conceals the protrusions from the adjacent staircase.

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CONSTRUCTION:

BEFORE:



Concrete sub-floors required plumbing to stay in its existing location to retain the existing flooring.

AFTER:



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BEFORE & AFTER PHOTOS:



The kitchen side of the hearth was slightly elevated, creating an awkward transition and potential tripping hazard. Rather than dividing the spaces with a conventional pony wall, we designed a custom bookcase that concealed the obstruction while creating valuable display space for the clients' prized pottery and a dedicated spot for books for the grandchildren.



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Due to the home's A-frame structure and roofline, venting the range hood to the nearest exterior wall was not possible. Instead, the ventilation had to be carefully routed to the opposite end of the home, creating an additional design and construction challenge.



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FINAL REVEAL:

- The completed kitchen maximizes every inch of available space, transforming the previously underutilized brick wall of the living room fireplace into valuable cabinetry and storage while preserving the character of the existing brick.
- Stunning tile backsplash provides the perfect backdrop for the two-tone cabinetry, while thoughtful black accents add a touch of drama and beautifully complement the natural granite countertops.
- The carefully considered layout creates a much more functional workspace, while the addition of a dedicated coffee bar brings an element of luxury and convenience to everyday living.
- Updated appliances, expanded storage, and an improved workflow come together to create a warm and inviting kitchen that is as beautiful as it is functional—making cooking, gathering, and entertaining more enjoyable for our clients.

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THOUGHTFUL DESIGN SOLUTIONS:

- Carefully designed cabinetry conceals the home's existing structural elements, creating a truly custom appearance while maximizing storage.
- Instead of working around architectural challenges, the design incorporates them seamlessly into the overall aesthetic.
- A custom designed bookcase unit creates a division of space between the kitchen and living room.

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PROJECT CHALLENGE TURNS INTO FEATURE:

An existing brick wall presented a unique challenge. Its uneven surface required precise planning and installation to create a level functional surface for mounting cabinetry. Careful coordination was necessary to route wiring for both the in-cabinet and under cabinet lighting while working within the brick structure.

Rather than conceal the brick, we celebrated it as a key design feature. Open backed upper cabinets and a floating shelf were installed against the brick wall, allowing the brick to serve as a textural feature while complementing the warm tones of the light alder cabinetry. Cabinet lighting was carefully integrated by routing wiring from above and entering the brick at precise locations to preserve the integrity of the masonry.

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