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LYNNHURST KITCHEN REMODEL

Category: Residential Kitchen Over \$200,000

The homeowners wanted a kitchen that supported their love of cooking and gathering with family and friends while improving everyday function and circulation. The original layout felt disconnected and left valuable space underused.

To create a more open and inviting heart of the home, the design swapped the locations of the kitchen and dining room. This thoughtful reconfiguration gave the Minneapolis family of four a more efficient, welcoming space for meal preparation, shared activities, entertaining, and daily life.

The Client's Needs

- Increase available counter space for food preparation.
- Improve circulation by incorporating the underused flex space between the compact kitchen and the living area.
- Increase storage throughout the kitchen.
- Add an island, which could not fit within the original kitchen footprint.
- Create an inclusive workspace where children can participate in cooking and meal preparation.
- Provide enough room for multiple cooks to work comfortably at the same time.

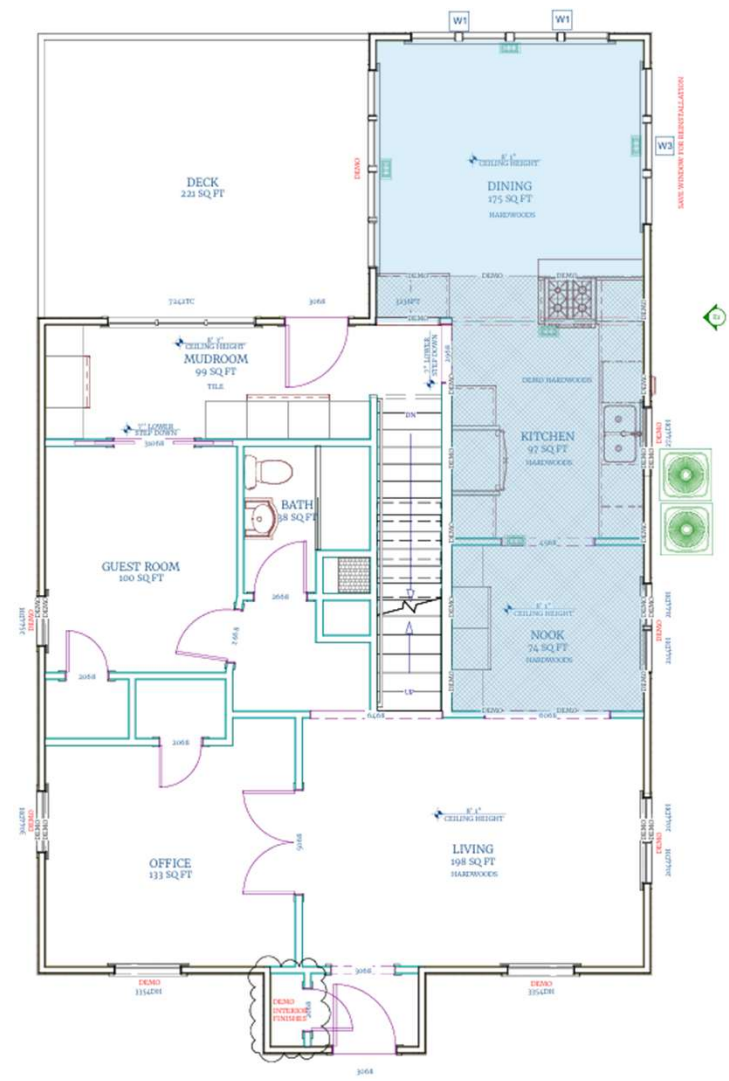


BEFORE PHOTOS



AS-BUILT KITCHEN PLAN

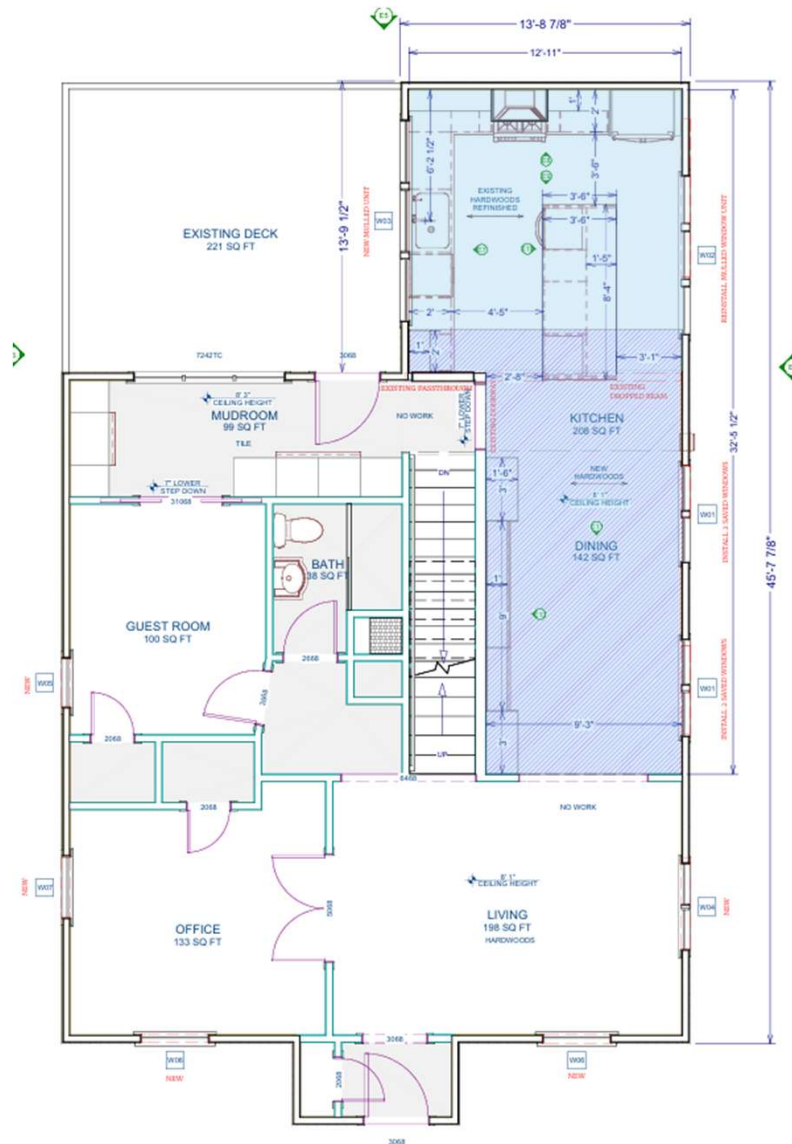
97 sq. ft. Existing Kitchen



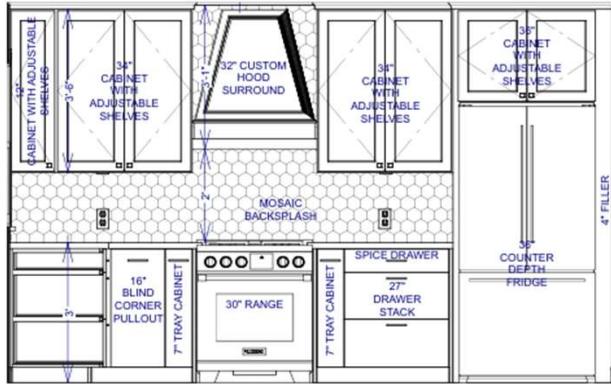
PROPOSED KITCHEN PLAN

208 sq. ft. Proposed
Kitchen

42" X 100"
Proposed Custom Kitchen
Island

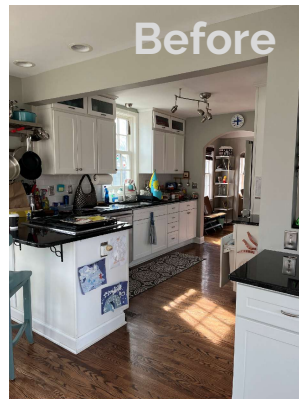


3D RENDERINGS & DESIGN DEVELOPMENT





BEFORE VS AFTER REMODELING

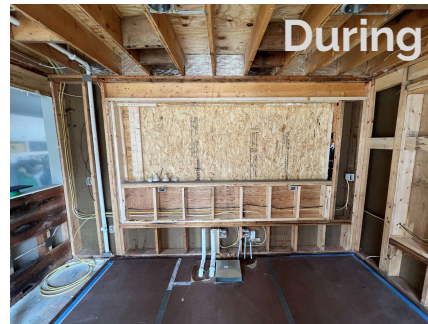


PROJECT CHALLENGES



Preserving abundant natural light without sacrificing storage was a key priority. The design also needed to remain within the existing kitchen, dining, and nook footprint rather than rely on an addition. Throughout the remodel, existing materials and architectural details were thoughtfully integrated so the updated kitchen would feel original to the home.

The large island was carefully sized to maximize workspace while maintaining comfortable circulation around it. The long, linear dining area also needed to evolve from a pass-through space into a purposeful destination. Custom cabinetry and layered lighting gave the room a stronger sense of place, making it feel intentional rather than transitional.



Overall, the remodel balanced the homeowners' functional goals with the character of the existing home. By preserving natural light, maximizing storage and workspace, and improving circulation without expanding the footprint, the design transformed previously underused areas into cohesive, purposeful spaces that feel both original and inviting.



Aesthetics and Style



Respecting the Home's Character. Complementary hardwood tones unify the kitchen with the surrounding spaces and help the renovation feel original to the home.

Light, Bright, and Personal. Warm wood tones bring natural texture and depth while preserving a light, airy atmosphere. Playful wallpaper and distinctive backsplash tile express the homeowners' personality without compromising the kitchen's timeless appeal.



Balancing Traditional and Modern Details. A thoughtful mix of Shaker and flush-panel cabinetry bridges the home's traditional character with a cleaner, contemporary profile. Wood and white cabinets reference the original style, while the green cabinetry adds a modern, easy-to-maintain finish.

