

2026 ROTY SUBMISSION

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KITCHEN REMODEL

CATEGORY: RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN \$50K-\$100K



ABOUT THE PROJECT

After purchasing their 90s build home, our clients wanted to update the kitchen to fit their moody, earthy design style. As the heart of their home, they wanted to make the kitchen more functional for gatherings. Without taking down any walls, the kitchen renovation made the entire space function better and feel updated while still cohesive with the rest of the home.



BEFORE



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The homeowner wanted to update the cabinets and add new open shelving to display decor. While keeping the overall layout, the goal was to give a cozy and updated feel that tied into the livingroom which was previously worked on. With a tight budget, we got creative and set out to give them a better functioning kitchen that feels updated yet timeless.



MOODBOARD

The clients desired a moody, earthy design style in their kitchen, with green cabinetry and natural wood accents.



SCOPE OF WORK

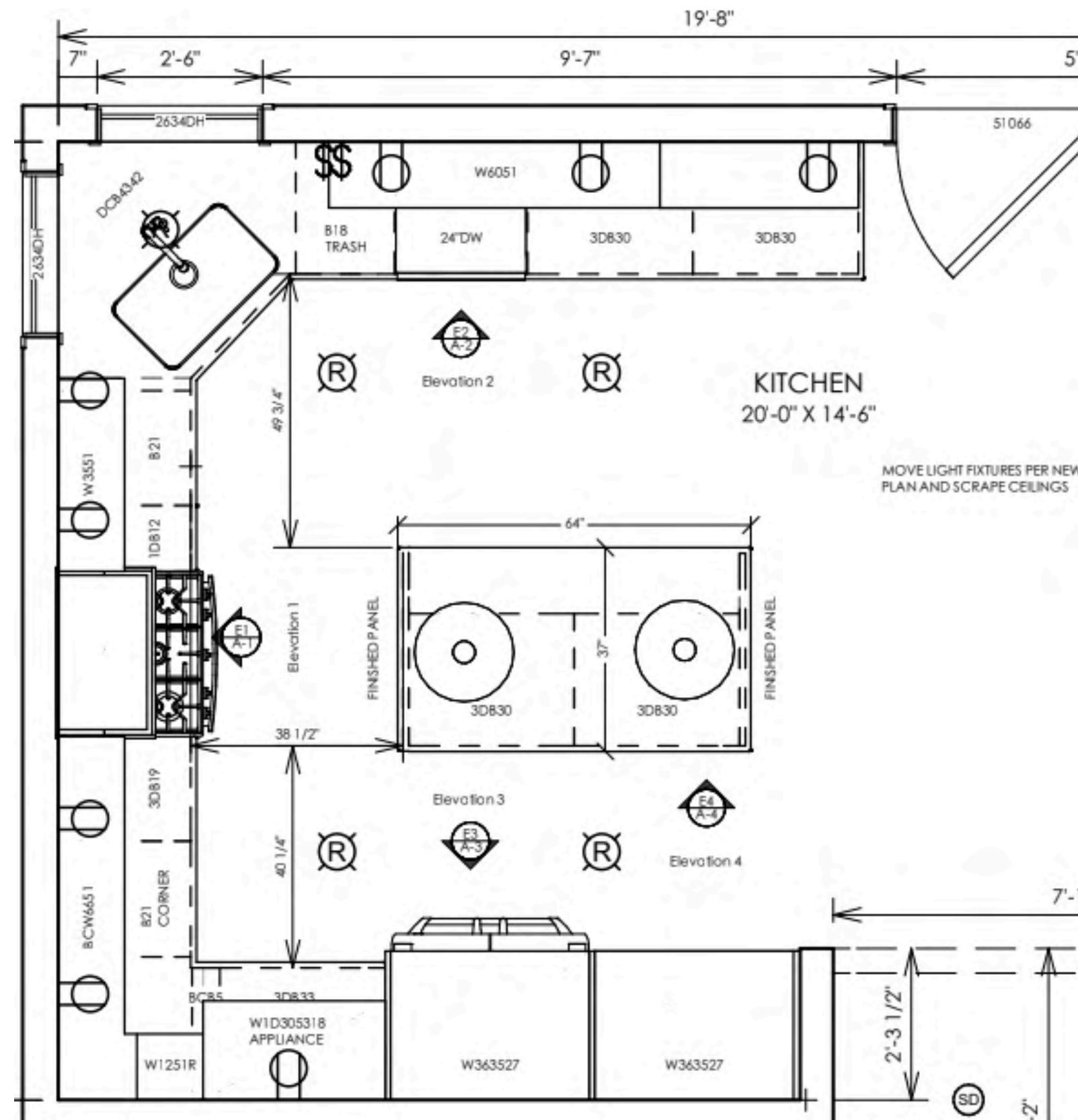
- Keep existing hardwood flooring and appliances
- Remove pantry closet
- New custom cabinetry
- White quartz countertops
- Tile backsplash
- New lighting
- Paint

FLOORPLAN

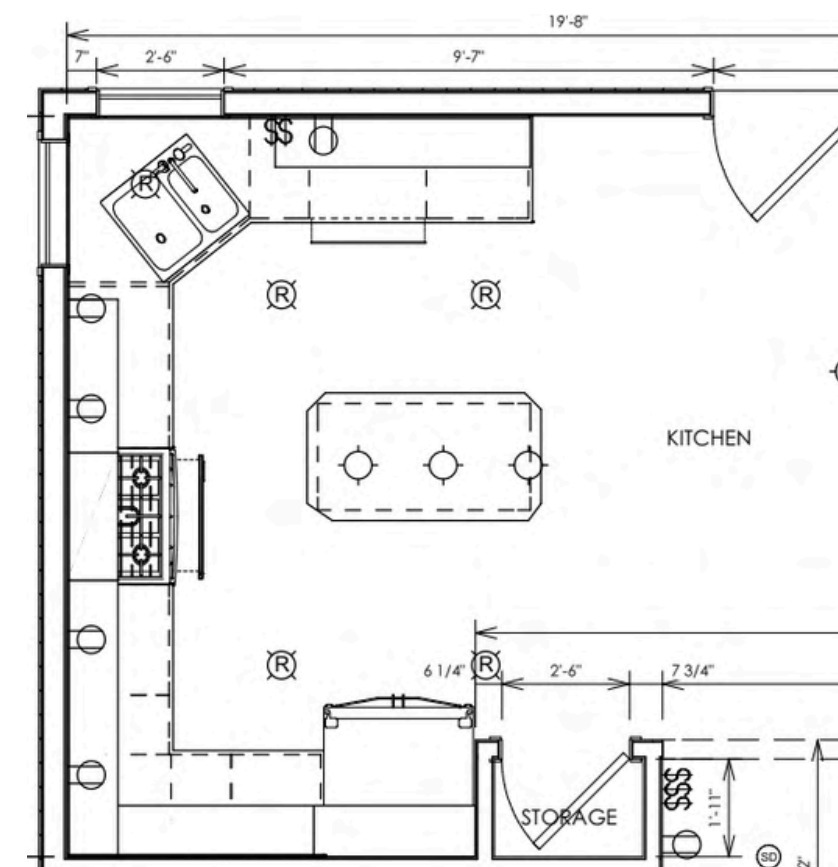
While we did not make any major layout changes bringing the cabinetry to the ceiling and adding the additional cabinets near the patio door provide more storage and room for open shelves our clients were looking for.

Instead of a pantry with a large door, the new cabinetry provides more storage and a larger walkway between the perimeter cabinets and island.

The original island was replaced by a slightly larger island with a countertop that overhangs to provide for additional seating.



EXISTING



RENDERINGS

The green cabinets really lean into the earthy feel our clients love, with wood accents on the island, shelving, and hood vent add contrast to the space.

The larger island provides room for counter stools, making the space better equipped to host gatherings, while keeping the perimeter countertops available for prep space.



PROGRESS
PHOTOS



Overhead lighting was updated along with a new hood vent



Custom cabinetry with a new built in pantry to replace the pantry closet

AFTER





FUNCTIONALITY

New cabinets that reach to the ceiling provide more storage in the kitchen. The larger, more rectangular island fits better while also adding prep and eating space. A new hood vent provides a focal point and functions to eliminate odors and grease build up.



FUNCTIONALITY

Stained oak open shelving ties into the wood tones seen on the island and the hood vent. They also provide space to display decor and dish ware.

Hidden beneath the microwave is an appliance garage to keep small appliances tucked away and reduce clutter on the countertops. The design makes this feature blend in seamlessly with the surrounding cabinetry.



CRAFTSMANSHIP

The custom cabinetry was built to match other elements in the home, paired with quartz countertops the over all look adds elegance to the space. Rounded corner countertops soften the kitchen and provide visual interest.



AESTHETIC

Warm and natural elements play well together to create a traditional style, finished by light tile and countertops.

The wood cabinets in a medium stain, pair well with the moody, green cabinets without clashing with the warm oak millwork. Simple, warm gold pendants, hardware and plumbing fixtures tie the space together.



OBSTACLES

The challenge of this kitchen was keeping it on budget while maximizing the scope of work to give a cohesive and consistent feel with the rest of the home.



INNOVATION

While our main focus was the eat in kitchen, the railing system separating the previously updated living room needed attention to tie these spaces together. We updated the balusters, modified the newel post with a new cap and switched out the rosettes for a more modern and square look.



AFTER



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