

Rustic Meets Refined

NARI - Minnesota - 2026 RotY Awards - Kitchen \$50,000 - \$100,000



About

Our clients were ready to give their kitchen a fresh new look while maintaining the warmth and character they already loved about their home. Rather than starting completely from scratch, the new design needed to thoughtfully work with key existing elements, including preserving the original flooring, existing cabinetry footprint and the location of the partition wall between the kitchen and adjoining living space.

While removing the partition could have created a more open layout, it served as the only practical location for the family's television. The goal became to thoughtfully redesign the partition while preserving its important role within the adjoining living space.

Their vision was for a kitchen that felt updated and refined, yet still warm and inviting. Additional cabinetry would provide much-needed storage, while rich blue cabinetry, natural wood tones and light finishes would create a cohesive connection between old and new.

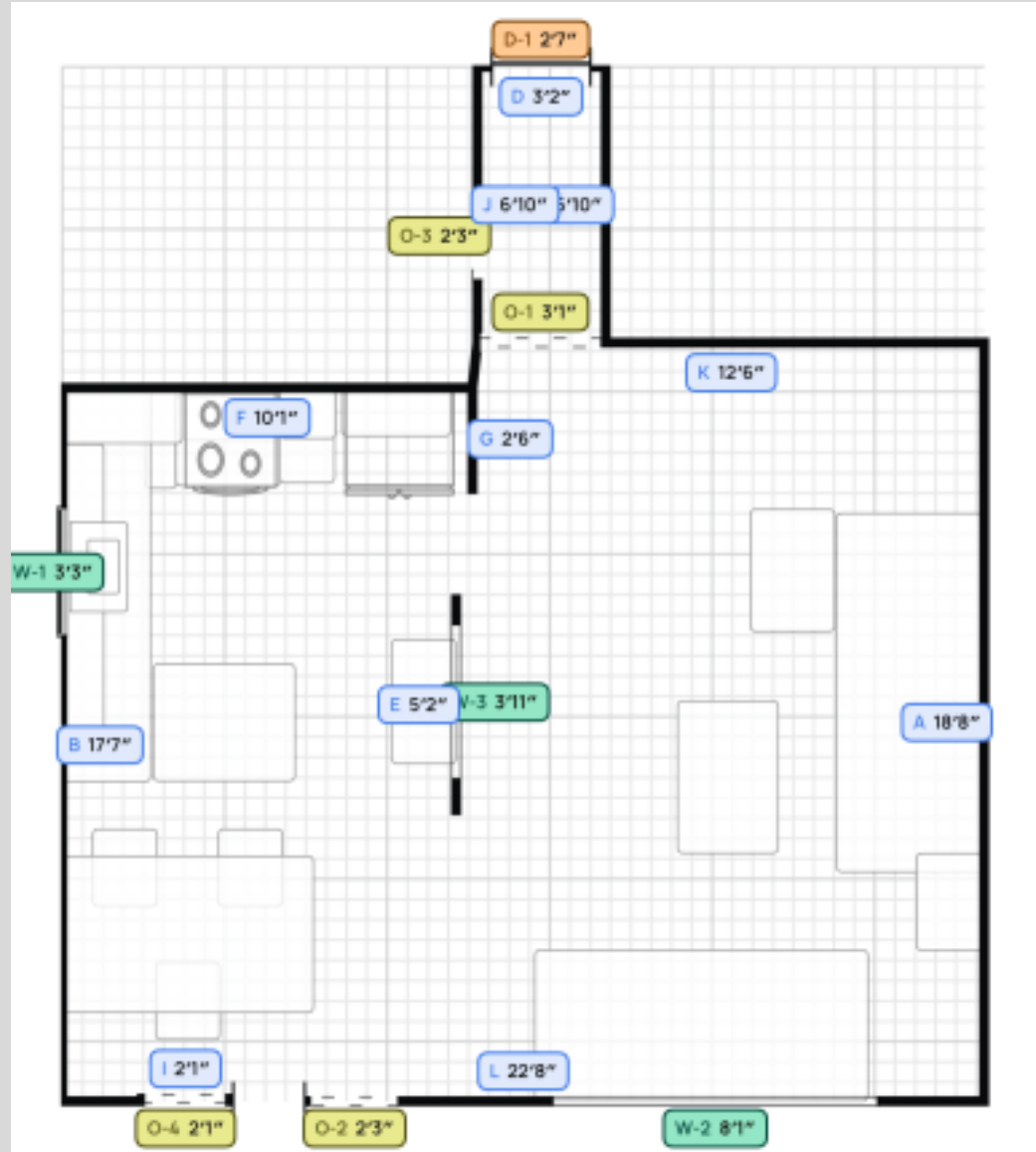
Client Needs

- Preserve and reuse the existing flooring.
- Add cabinetry to increase storage within the existing kitchen footprint.
- Create a fresh, updated kitchen while maintaining the home's warmth and character.
- Reimagine the kitchen partition while preserving the adjoining living room's function as the family's primary gathering space.

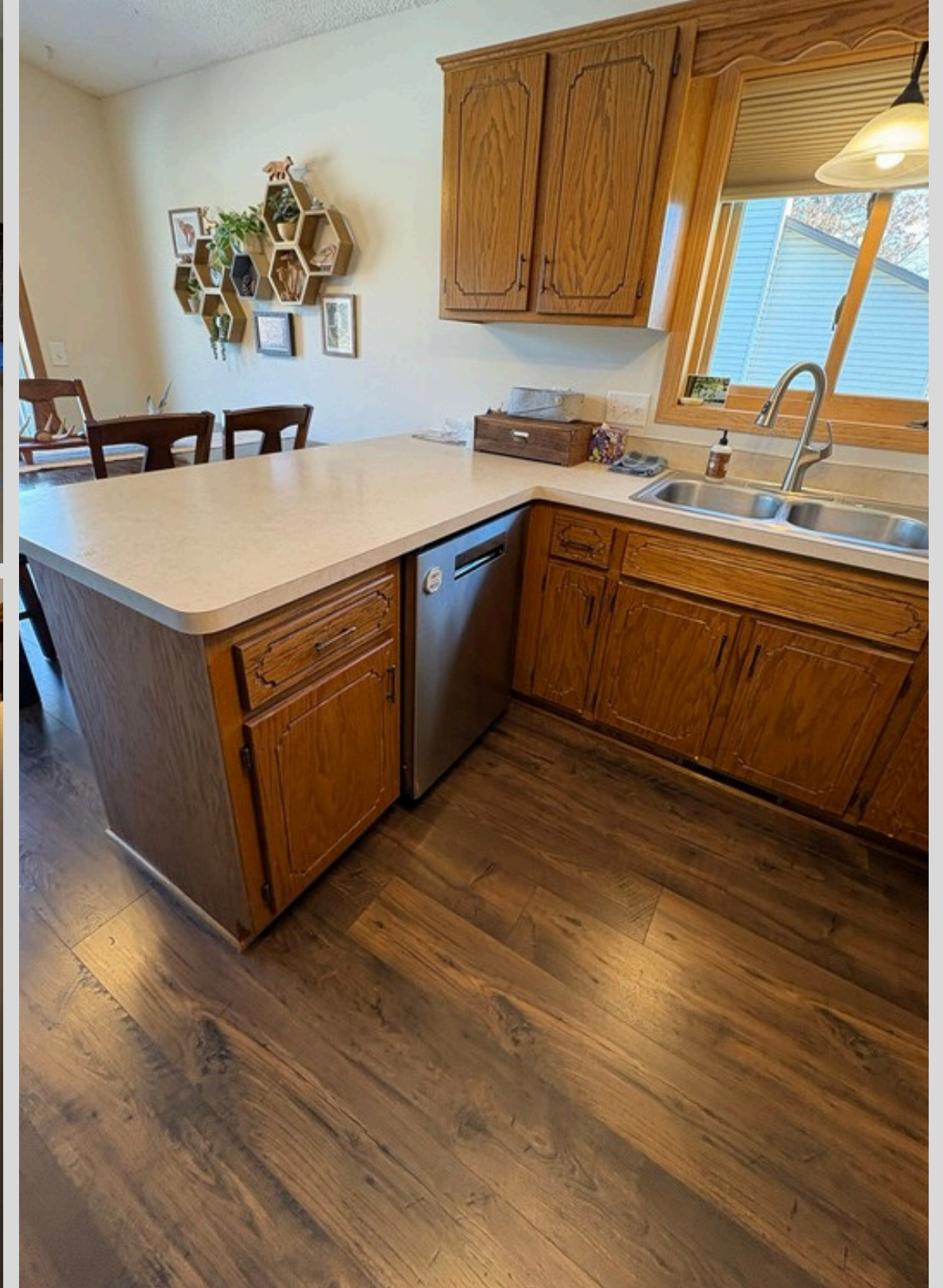


EXISTING CONDITIONS

AS-BUILT PLAN



EXISTING KITCHEN



KEY EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Existing cabinetry footprint largely retained
- Existing flooring to remain
- Partition wall retained between kitchen and living space
- Limited storage within the existing cabinetry layout

DESIGN PLAN

Concept renderings, elevations and cabinet drawings guided the final design within the existing cabinetry footprint.

DESIGN CONCEPT RENDERING

MATERIAL & FINISH PALETTE



Cabinet Color
Navy Blue



Cambria
Lakedale
(Countertop)



Cambria
Lakedale
(Backsplash)



Satin Nickel
(Hardware)



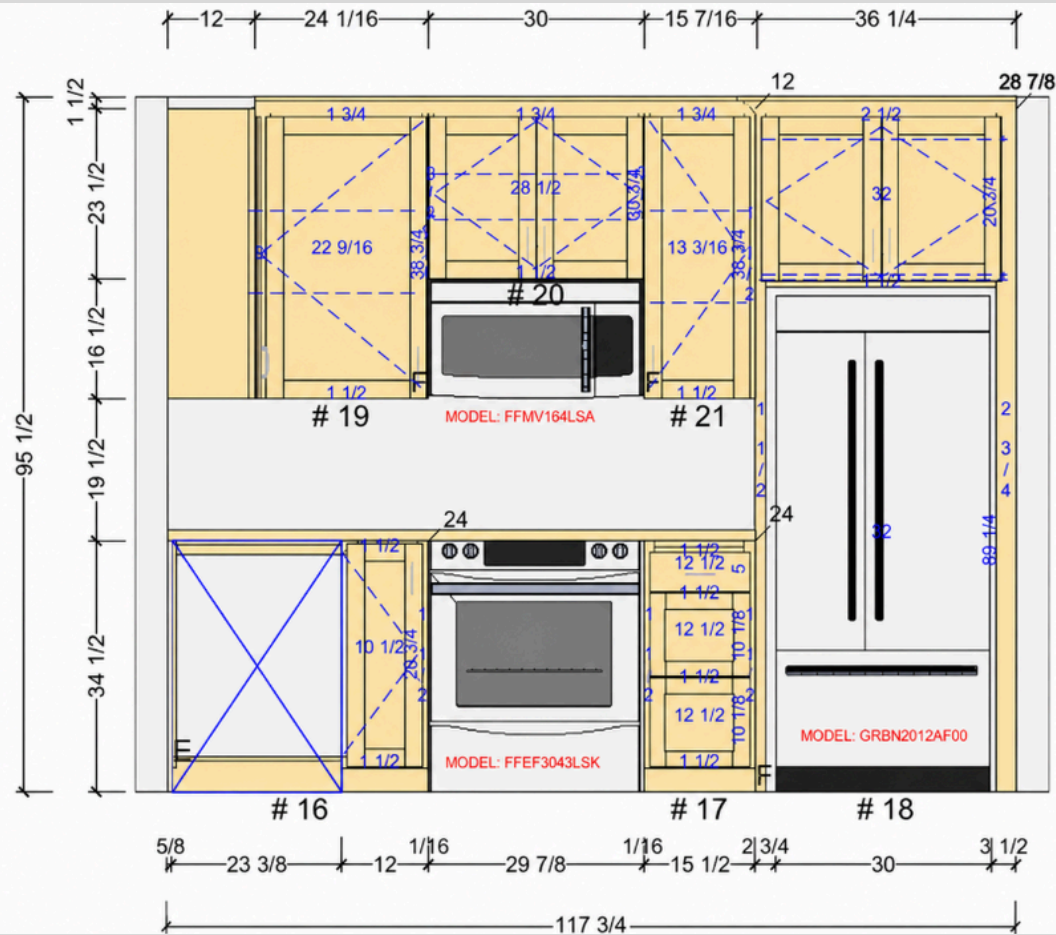
Pendant Light



Cabinet Pull



Door Lever



Floor plan diagram showing kitchen layout with dimensions and cabinet numbers. The plan includes a sink area (#19), a microwave area (#20), a stove area (#16), a refrigerator area (#18), and a pantry area (#21). Dimensions are provided for overall size and individual cabinet units.

KITCHEN ELEVATION

42" Cabinets
Shaker Style Cabinets
Cambria Backsplash
30" Oven / Stove
2" Crown Molding
Fridge Tower
30" Fridge

BEFORE & AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

The new cabinetry maximized available vertical space, while lighter surfaces and intentional contrast improved the kitchen's proportion, balance and overall presence.

BEFORE & AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

The combination of painted cabinetry, light quartz surfaces and retained wood elements creates a deliberate balance between new finishes and the home's existing character.

BEFORE & AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

The existing partition was retained and reworked to preserve its function within the adjoining living space while creating a cleaner, more intentional transition between the kitchen and surrounding areas.

BEFORE & AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

Within the retained footprint, the peninsula was elevated through precise detailing, including a waterfall quartz edge that creates a continuous transition from countertop to vertical surface

FUNCTIONALITY

- Taller upper cabinetry utilizes previously unused vertical space, increasing storage capacity within the existing kitchen footprint.
- The existing kitchen configuration was retained while cabinetry, storage and surfaces were upgraded to make better use of the established footprint.
- The existing partition was retained and modified to preserve its functional role within the adjacent living area.
- The existing peninsula was retained and finished with a continuous quartz surface and waterfall edge, preserving valuable prep and work space within the established footprint.



AESTHETICS

BOLD CONTRAST

Saturated blue cabinetry creates a strong focal point while complementing the home’s existing warm wood tones.

CONTINUOUS QUARTZ DETAIL

Cambria Lakedale quartz extends from the countertops to the full-height backsplash and waterfall edge, creating a continuous, refined finish.

EXISTING + NEW MATERIALS

The retained wood flooring establishes a warm foundation for the new palette, with warm wood tones, painted cabinetry and the stone-clad partition creating cohesion between existing and new materials.

LAYERED LIGHTING

Decorative fixtures introduce texture and visual interest while defining the kitchen, peninsula and adjacent dining area.



MATERIAL & FINISH PALETTE



Cabinet Color
Navy Blue



Cambria
Lakedale
(Countertop)



Cambria
Lakedale
(Backsplash)



Satin Nickel
(Hardware)



Pendant Light



Cabinet Pull



Door Lever

CRAFTSMANSHIP & INNOVATIVE METHODS

EXISTING FLOORING INTEGRATION

Challenge: The existing flooring terminated at the original cabinetry footprint, leaving exposed areas.

Craftsmanship: New cabinetry was carefully laid out and installed within the existing flooring limits, maintaining clean transitions while minimizing modifications to the retained floor.



QUARTZ CRAFTSMANSHIP + MATERIAL INTEGRATION

Cambria Lakedale quartz was precisely fabricated and installed across the countertops, full-height backsplash and waterfall edge, requiring careful alignment and coordination to create clean transitions and a continuous finished surface.

