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By Kim Berndtson



# Bold Finishes Create Standout Kitchen

This updated kitchen offers sleek lines and open shelving, combined with a layout that is ideal for cooking and baking as well as for hosting gatherings.



When the owners of this Silver Spring, MD, home decided to make the move from being perennial city dwellers to being suburbanites, they took the opportunity to give their new home a complete renovation. While the street it sits on is quiet, and the yard serene with lots of trees, the home's interior now makes a confident statement with bold finishes showcased in a new kitchen and master suite.

The premise behind the kitchen's renovation was to create a gathering space where the couple could host parties for family and friends. "The homeowners love to entertain and they enjoy cooking," says Keith Long, designer at Glickman Design Build in Potomac, MD.

To accommodate their passion for both, Long reconfigured its interior footprint. "It was an older home that was broken into smaller rooms," he notes of the residence that hadn't seen any updates since the 1970s. To start, the designer removed a loadbearing wall between the former kitchen and



## ↑ SPACE FOR ENTERTAINING

The former dining room was turned into an entertaining/gathering/bar area. It boasts plenty of storage in floor-to-ceiling cherry cabinetry. The island, topped with Montclair granite and equipped with a prep sink and high-arc chrome faucet, gives family and friends a place to hang out while visiting with the cook. A double GE Monogram oven and a microwave highlight the baking center.

dining room – adding a wood beam as support – to combine the two spaces into one area that provides plenty of room for food prep, cooking, baking and, of course, entertaining.

The former dining room now

serves as the main entertainment/gathering/bar area, boasting plenty of storage in floor-to-ceiling cherry cabinets from Crystal Cabinets finished in Dark Sable. The island, topped with Montclair granite and

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# Project Case Study

## ↓ RECONFIGURED BATH SPACE

**Left:** Like the kitchen, the master suite's footprint was reconfigured to better accommodate the couple's needs, with special challenges created by a variety of ceiling heights. A sleek 66" freestanding cast iron tub – equipped with a handshower – fits perfectly in the space where a small closet once stood. **Center:** Dual undermount sinks are accented with single-lever faucets that feature 6" swivel spouts. **Right:** The curbless shower features an adjustable handshower that slides on a Chrome shower bar to offer a personalized shower experience for each user.



equipped with a prep sink and high-arc chrome faucet, gives visitors a place to hang out while visiting with the cook. A double GE Monogram oven and a microwave highlight the baking center.

This space is tied together with the cooking area by 12"x24" Stark Grigio porcelain floor tile. The main food prep area features a GE Profile refrigerator and Bosch dishwasher, but a GE Monogram range and a gas wok range take center stage. Each is equipped with its own Faber stainless steel ventila-

tion hood. "They shared different styles of cooking, so we chose a double hood, one for the cooktop and a second one for the gas wok," he says.

A contemporary look is achieved with open shelving, as opposed to wall cabinets, to house cooking supplies and serving dishes. "It creates an open, airy look," adds Long. Walls are sheathed in green that is brought to life in complementary Hamilton Daiquiri backsplash tile.

"The beautifully updated contemporary kitchen offers sleek lines with contempo-

rary cabinetry and open shelving," he says, "combined with a layout that is ideal for cooking and baking as well as for hosting gatherings."

## SHUFFLING SPACES

Like the kitchen, Long reconfigured the master suite's footprint to better accommodate the couple's needs, with special challenges created by a variety of ceiling heights. "We expanded the boundaries of the original bathroom into what was the master bedroom," he explains. "That decreased the size of the bed-

room, so we took out another wall to combine two smaller bedrooms into one master bedroom. We also added a walk-in closet. There was really a lot of shuffling of spaces since, like the kitchen, it hadn't been touched since the 1970s."

The homeowners were more than eager to replace the outdated dusty pink tile and powder blue sinks/toilet with updated, contemporary elements, including a sleek 66" freestanding cast iron tub – equipped with a handshower – that fits perfectly in the space where a small closet once stood.

Dual undermount sinks are accented with single-lever faucets that feature 6" swivel spouts. An open look is achieved with a floating Montclair granite top. A separate toilet room offers privacy.

The shower features Universal Design elements, which are a specialty of Glickman Design Build. "We are multi-generational specialists," he notes, "so we do a lot of accessible design."

The curbless shower features Kiev Blanco tiles on the



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wall with Gobi tumbled floor tiles and Aspen Stria mixed with glass as an accent. The adjustable handshower slides on a chrome shower bar to offer a personalized shower experience for each user.

Finally, Long laid the Kiev Blanco porcelain floor tile diagonally to provide a unique dynamic. 



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