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## Potomac Kitchen Gets Facelift

Storage space and a view of the yard are among the amenities.

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Potomac family of five recently decided it was time to spread out and get organized. They enlisted the help of Glickman Design Build. Their request: an updated kitchen and an abundance of storage space.

"With two adults and three teenage girls living in the house, this family had simply outgrown their existing space," said architectural designer Keith Long of Glickman Design Build.

The kitchen was in need of a facelift. "The cabinets had been there forever," said Long. "The working area in the kitchen was so small that it didn't allow more than one or two people in the kitchen at a time without walking on top of each other."

The family had expanded beyond the limits of their tight quarters. "They came in from the garage and dropped their shoes and book bags into a cramped space," said Long.

"We created a mudroom right off the garage with three spaces for the children," he continued. "It provides a level of organization they have dreamed of for years."

In fact, mudrooms are a common request in remodeling plans.

"Mudrooms are really important in today's high-efficiency homes," said Dana Kaminsky of Glickman Design Build. "They



This newly remodeled Potomac kitchen includes granite countertops and porcelain tile flooring.

are the most heavily used and most under appreciated rooms in the house."

Current trends in mudrooms, says Kaminsky, include features such as a bench on which to sit while putting on shoes, a pet shower, and small laundry area. "Another trend in mudrooms is an information board with a master calendar and daily reminders," she said. "Anything that helps a household run smoothly and most efficient

... and of course always done beautifully."

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The new kitchen features antique white cabinets and granite countertops in a warm brown hue, with an expansive prep area that allows several cooks to work simultaneously. Built-in bookcases add visual interest and additional storage, and tough surfaces add durability.

"There are porcelain tile floors, which last forever and can take a lot of traffic," said



This Potomac mudroom boasts built-in shelves and storage for children to store their belongings.

project manager Wayne Jackson.

There is even a breakfast area with a view of the backyard.

"The new kitchen and breakfast area ... is a clean, updated space perfectly designed to meet [the family's] needs," said Long.

