



Keeping it Simple Paradigm Kitchen Design

This 1920s home had endured a sequence of different kitchen renovations, each adding more space, but none creating a cohesive design. The goal of the homeowner was to unify the kitchen plan, add more storage and to create a kitchen that really complemented the character of the home.

The original kitchen cabinetry was cramped into the dark southern end of the room and an ill-designed closet provided all the pantry storage. The new design, as envisioned by Paradigm Kitchen Design, extended the cabinetry toward the new patio doors. Pantry storage was recreated in a formerly unused end of the room, and the old closet became a desk area. The refrigerator was fitted amongst the pantries in order to create efficient, task-specific work zones in the kitchen.

Quadra cabinets were chosen to complement the architecture of the home and were finished in a two-tone colour scheme. Cabinets along the kitchen walls were painted to match Benjamin Moore's Calming Cream and the island cabinets were made from white oak stained in Balsamic. The two-colour scheme allows the island to appear as a separate piece of furniture creating a more unfitted feel, appropriate to the home.

Upper cabinetry was also stacked for extra storage and to help visually lower a very high ceiling. The top cabinets were fitted with reed glass panels and oak interiors stained to match the island. A custom-designed crown moulding complements the cabinet door style.

CaesarStone quartz countertops were chosen for durability and the way the Jerusalem Sand coordinated with the cabinetry and the backsplash of Spanish marble mosaic tiles. Hardwood floors were used throughout the main floor.

Finally, recessed ceiling lights were installed to ensure excellent ambient lighting for the room without distracting from the pendant lighting over the island and sink. The pendant lights not only provide much needed task specific lighting, but also become a design feature by having the glass shades match the glass in the cabinetry.

The result is a kitchen that functions considerably better than the original and has become the anchor in this character home.

