

# *Kitchen Makeover*



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The homeowners loved the design of their home but were extremely dissatisfied with their builder-grade kitchen. They frequently entertained and felt trapped when everyone crowded into the kitchen to lend a helping hand. There was only room for one person at a time!

**CHALLENGES:** This customer wanted an open floor plan and a large island. They also wanted to keep their existing cabinets. Replacing lost cabinets and counter space with the elimination of the bar was the greatest challenge. This was accomplished by increasing the island from the standard 2' x 4' to 4' x 8' with cabinet storage underneath and large working surface above, including an overhang that could be used for extra seating.

**FEATURES:** Although the base cabinets were retained, new doors were made to match the custom-built upper cabinets, which were distressed and faux finished with multiple applications, giving them a fine finish usually found on quality furniture. The cabinets were topped with 3cm granite with a custom decorative edge. The edge on the island was laminated to double thickness and also received a decorative edge. The backsplash was replaced with travertine tile set in a pleasing pattern. An art tile mural above the cooktop adds to the overall Tuscan feel of the newly remodeled kitchen.

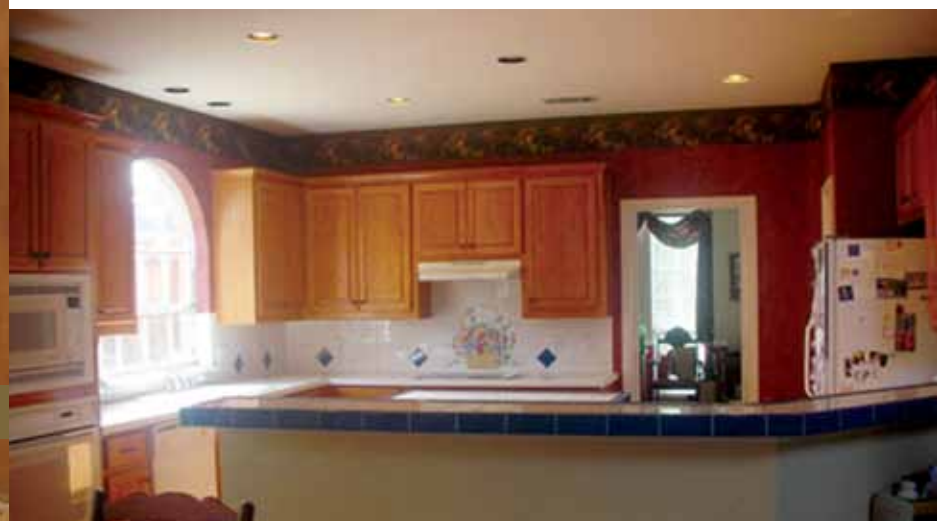
**SOLUTION:** In a neighborhood where "bar" kitchens prevail, the newly opened floor plan changes the look of the entire room and offers a more inviting space. It is now a room that flows easily into the rest of the home, encouraging interaction between cook and guests and is the envy of the neighborhood.

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BEFORE



A "Refrigerator Armoire" was built to conceal the homeowner's refrigerator. It added elegance and completed the Tuscan feel that the client desired.



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