

Room to Review



A contemporary kitchen suited for entertaining

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After three decades in their west-side home, John and Irene Barber were ready for a change and decided to either buy a new house or completely redecorate theirs. Because they love their surroundings – a well-established neighborhood tucked away behind mature trees and full of friendly neighbors – they decided to stay.

The Barbers have spent the past year painstakingly updating their house room by room. Perhaps the most striking room (or at least the first to be finished) is the kitchen.

The kitchen, in its pre-remodeled days, was dated and dull. Irene recalls its harvest gold and dark wood décor with a double oven and small island. Soffits lined the ceiling, making the kitchen feel small and closed off from other areas of the house.

“During the remodeling, the kitchen was gutted down to the studs,” Irene recalls. “It was like camping for a while. We had to cook outside. My granddaughter loved it.”

The goal was a more contemporary kitchen better suited to entertaining with more counter space for cooking.

George Kennedy of Kennedy Kitchens worked with the Barbers to find cabinets and countertops to meet the functional as well as aesthetic needs of the new space.

The goal was accomplished by expanding

Kennedy Kitchens remodeled this kitchen for John and Irene Barber.

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