



Above: The focal point of the living room, a built-in unit features a double-sided fireplace, glass shelving and storage.

Right: Pops of color in accent pillows, lamps and framed art provide a dramatic contrast to neutral furnishings in the living room. Varying textures on leather seating make a statement.



PRACTICAL makes perfect

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WHEN A HOME UNDERGOES a major exterior renovation, shifting from Tudor style to classic colonial, the interior design style must logically follow suit. Such was the challenge that designer Jeanne Campana faced when rendering plans for a family of five that had recently relocated from Colorado to Northport.

"Everything inside was outdated," she explains. "All the kitchen cabinets and walls were dark, and there was barely any prep space." ►





The new kitchen is outfitted with white maple cabinets, stainless-steel Sub-Zero appliances and quartz countertops. Cabinets run the length of the back wall, providing ample storage that the previous kitchen lacked.



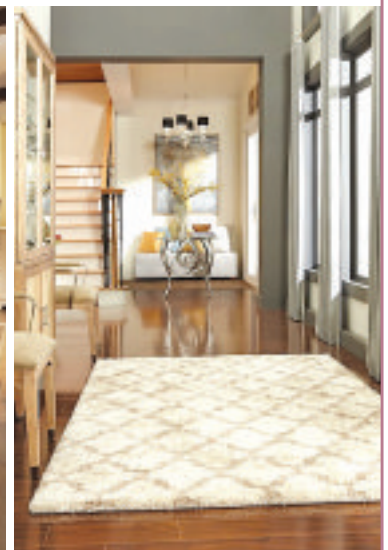
In order to make the first floor living space (kitchen, living and dining rooms) more functional and family-friendly, Campana set out to create an environment with better flow in a style that ties in with the rest of the home.

A COOK'S KITCHEN

The desire for a more contemporary kitchen called for a revised floor plan: relocating the 425-square-foot kitchen to where the dining room had been and knocking down the original wall to open up the space between the two rooms. The result is a cozy, yet bright and airy kitchen for gathering and breaking bread, with easy access to the living and dining rooms.

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A standout feature of this cook's kitchen is a pot filler, showcased in Carrera marble.

"Because the homeowner cooks nearly every day, she wanted plenty of prep space, lots of storage and top-of-the-line appliances," says Campana of the kitchen redesign.

Tall, dark cabinetry was swapped out in favor of white maple cabinets, balanced by stainless steel Sub-Zero appliances. A center island made of Cambria quartz provides both prep space and seating for five, anchored by quartz countertops that run the length of the back of the kitchen.

Also suitable for a busy family lifestyle is the wood tile flooring, chosen for its ease of maintenance. Recessed lighting illuminates mealtime, as do the under-cabinet lighting and pendants above the island.

Attention to detail is also evident in the special feature on the backsplash, above the stove. A pot filler is offset by Carrera marble and the inset is diamond-shaped with a black accent,

which Campana says, "gives special emphasis to that part of the kitchen."

EASY LIVING

The modern look of the kitchen carries over into the living room, a space that is characterized as transitional contemporary.

"The goal was to create a timeless quality with a modern twist," explains Campana. "This allows us to add classic elements into the space and use accessories that are more on-trend."

Using assorted furnishings as a neutral canvas, the designer incorporated accent pieces that can be changed out as desired. A cream-colored sofa is outfitted with patterned pillows and pops of color to create a textured look. Performance fabrics were chosen for their easy cleaning, and leather seating is easily wipeable. An area rug in a neutral print helps ground the space without overwhelming the design of the room.



Of special note is the living room's main focal point: a built-in multifunctional fireplace/entertainment center, which serves as the former passage to the kitchen.

"The fireplace is double-sided and adds storage to the living room, with cabinets on the kitchen side as well," says Campana.

Awash in solid navy, the mantel is an ideal backdrop for any bold-hued décor, especially during the holiday season.

In the dining room, the navy color palette is integrated into the design with crisp blue seating.

"The rest of the furniture had already been used in the family's previous home, so buying these new chairs helped tie everything into this space," notes Campana.

Window treatments in dark burgundy add a rich flavor to the room, while the addition of a tray ceiling provides some depth.

"We didn't have a lot of architectural elements to work with, so this gives the idea of more dimension and detail," says Campana.

When the style of a home is seamless from the inside out, life within its walls is that much more comfortable for a family getting used to a new space. *LIL*

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Below, navy blue upholstered chairs enhance the dining room set-up, designed to complement the original furnishings.