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Kitchen & Bath Makeovers

Before-and-after projects from Triangle area designers and remodelers

By Staff

Kitchen by Golden Rule Carpentry LLC Approximately \$90,000

Goal: Turn run-of-the-mill into state-of-the-art

The owner of this 1938 Georgian home wanted to transform the dated kitchen into modern day while preserving the regal character of the house.

The challenges for the layout were significant and required expert attention and design services, says Ajax Woolley, owner of Golden Rule Carpentry. Our team partnered with the design professionals at Town and Country Kitchens to tackle the project.

The biggest technical challenges involved integrating the new building components with old, and the scope of the work required a back to the studs approach.

For example, existing flooring had to be patched and color-matched to two different wood species with an aged finish while custom milled moldings were produced to match the historic profiles of the trim carpentry.

In addition, the room needed more natural light and the flow between the formal dining room, the rear entrance and the main hall of the house had to be carefully planned. The angular island combined with the arched opening (to the left of the range) is a wonderful complement for the classic lines of the cabinetry, Woolley says.

The addition of a new window also allows more natural light and helps create a new sense of space in the room.



Top: Before Renovation. Above: After Renovation. Photos courtesy of Golden Rule Carpentry LLC

Kitchen Makeover Highlights

Cabinets: Epic line in maple with an English Manor stain by Cabinets by Nichols Inc.; chalking on perimeter cabinets, and cottage celery finish on island cabinets.

Countertops: Honed Carrera marble by Prescott Stone Fabricators.

Sink, Plumbing fixtures: Blanco sink; Grohe faucet.

Tile: 2-by-4-inch tile by Dal-Tile Inc. on walls, floor and listellos.

Paint: Ancient Marble Superpaint by Sherwin-Williams.

Appliances: SubZero refrigerator; Miele range hood; Dacor microwave; Bosch dishwasher; Kenmore Elite dual-fuel range.

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