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Opposite: Colorful tiles punctuate the backsplash. Five-in. (12.5-cm) field tiles were trimmed to fit around the cutouts. Soft gold cabinet trim, customized to match the light fixture in the breakfast nook, adds warmth. The frieze of Alberta berries, wildflowers and plants, hand-painted by Calgary artist John J. Knebles Jr., was salvaged from the area above the cabinets in the old kitchen.

In a lively household of five kids, this Calgary kitchen was bursting at the seams, but the budget didn't allow for an addition to enlarge the working space. Instead, Monika Siebert Kakoschke of MSK Designs reconfigured the layout to reduce congestion and maximize storage space. The result is a hardworking, efficient kitchen created without a single growing pain.

Photography Robert Lerner Meyer Text Bonnie Schiedel

DESIGN CHALLENGES

The old layout was inefficient and crowded. The oven, in a large, boxy island, interfered with access to sink and counter, and an opened refrigerator door made the microwave inaccessible. The dishwasher was awkwardly situated, making loading and unloading of dishes difficult. Cabinetry did not provide enough storage. A support pillar removed by a previous owner had resulted in a sagging ceiling.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS

The new design fits in exactly the same area as the old kitchen, but traffic flow is now much smoother. Microwave and oven were relocated adjacent to the island, which was redesigned with softer lines and rounded corners. The dishwasher was raised and placed on an angle. Relocating a frieze made room for larger cabinets. Ceiling was recessed to add height and a 20-ft. (6-m) steel beam was installed for support.

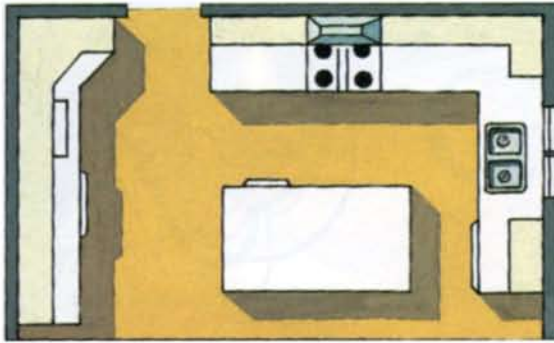


Above: "Decorative drywall" tendrils curl across the recessed ceiling. "It's my favorite part of the kitchen," says the owner. Left: The designer had the island and sink built to resemble pieces of furniture. "Kitchens can go overboard with cabinetry," she says. "This approach breaks up the wall-to-wall cupboard look." Electrical outlets are conveniently located at the top of the "legs."

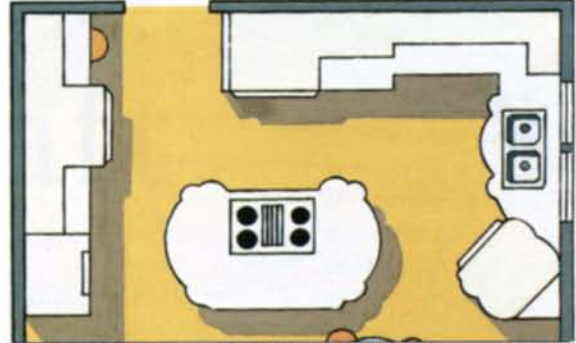




Before



After



DIMENSIONS 14' by 9'
(4.3 x 3 m)

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LOW-MAINTENANCE TIPS

- Undermounted sink
- Kid-proof commercial linoleum
- Eight coats of lacquer paint to withstand spills
- Fold-down cook-top covers look neat and protect the elements when not in use

Far left: Hand-carved "Alberta rose" knobs by Gernot Kiefer, complementing the garden frieze, alternate with Limoges knobs from the previous kitchen. Cube drawers store small items. Left: Cookbooks are shelved above the desk, which has a removable panel at its back to hide the phone cord. Below: Fresh white counters, appliances and cabinetry fulfill the owner's request for a light, airy room.

SOURCES

Designer/contractor Monika Siebert Kakoschke, MSK Design
Refrigerator/dishwasher Maytag **Oven/drop-in range** Jenn-Air **Microwave** Amana **Sink** American Standard **Faucet** Grohe **Countertop** DuPont Corian **Custom countertop** Shmyrko Contracting Inc. **Cabinetry** Deuce Interiors Inc.
"Alberta rose" knobs Gernot Kiefer, Master Craft Carvings
Ceiling Trevor Duval, Artistic Ceilings **Flooring** Tarkett Co-ordinates, KBM Commercial Floor Coverings **Tiles** Ann Sacks, Empire Kitchen & Bath **Paint** Pratt & Lambert "Designer White" **Ceiling, cabinetry, knob painting** Juigalli Furniture Finishing Ltd. **Lighting** Robinson Lighting and Bath Centre
Hand-painted floral frieze John J. Knebles Jr. See page 98.

