

Another Great Renovation From Duo Building

THE PROBLEM

Bill and Deborah Kleiber enjoy entertaining and wanted to transform their small, dark kitchen into a comfortable gathering space for family dinners and holiday celebrations. They contracted Pat Malloy of DUO Building and Simon Coles of Blueline Design Services to create an open-concept layout that would open their kitchen to a view of their landscaped rear yard.

THE SOLUTION

DUO gutted the Kleibers' original kitchen and removed an exterior wall to accommodate an adjoining 12- by 25-foot sunroom addition, which features a nine-foot vaulted ceiling and a wall of casement windows. A terrace door opens out to a small verandah that overlooks the west-facing backyard.

DUO also removed the walls between the kitchen and dining room to create one large entertaining space. Strip oak hardwood flooring in the kitchen and sunroom was installed to match the existing flooring throughout the home, which was built in the 1960s.

The kitchen was outfitted with buttery yellow recessed-panel cabinets and granite counters in shades of cream and grey. A faucet and cabinet pulls in an oil-rubbed bronze finish accentuate the kitchen's appeal. Two square columns, and an island that doubles as a breakfast bar, provide visual separation between the kitchen and sunroom. A built-in hutch/ buffet with deep crown mouldings in the sunroom also links the two areas.

SUMMARY

The Kleibers have steadily upgraded their two-storey home since they purchased it 22 years ago. The kitchen renovation was their last major project. "I definitely needed more space," Deborah says. "Most people think of kitchens for eating and getting together, but I also like it as a quiet place to sit and relax. It's so very peaceful."

Deborah and Bill also enjoyed working with the DUO team, which saw them through a previous addition. "They were very professional and very patient," Deborah recalls. "The renovation was well planned, there was good communication and everyone on the job site from DUO was just wonderful. We're just really happy."