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Reversing the kitchen floor plan created an open and easy design.



role reversal

Special Features:
 Curved door cabinetry, two-tone wood cabinetry, multi-level island.

Dimensions:
 28 feet by 14 feet

Products Used:
 Cabinetry: Blackdog Custom Kitchens/
 "Blackdog"
 Doorstyle: Country/Kitchen
 Granite: Cambrian
 Blak "Hippoc"
 Remeronite, Silestone
 Franke, Faucette: EWFC
 Ceiling: Classic
 Lighting: L&L
 Profile: Over
 Hardware:

For these homeowners, the best solution to transforming their old and irregularly shaped kitchen was staring directly at them...except that it was backwards. This old U-shaped kitchen did not need additional space, nor did it need to be opened to an adjacent room. It just needed to be flipped!

Anne K. McNamara, CKD, professional designer with Blackdog Kitchens & Bath Remodeling, planned for a complete gut and remodel to make the room easier to navigate, particularly from the garage. The designer set out by scraping the wood stove and pushing the main kitchen into the area closest to the garage. Rather than trying to

rework the narrow proportions of the existing space, a long central island was included to make the best use of the square footage, while directing traffic around the work area.

Although one of the homeowners is quite tall, the primary cook is petite, so the overhead peninsula cabinetry of the old kitchen presented a constant source of frustration for her. Professional cabinet installer, Dan Oliveira, worked carefully to lay out an island with three different levels. 42" to act as a barrier and prevent spill over, 36" for day-to-day work, and 33" for the primary cook to work more comfortably.

This desire to simplify, however, also whetted the clients' taste for the contemporary. Black granite countertops and smooth, curved doors were combined with maple and cherry woods to modernize the space while successfully maintaining its organic, farm-to-the-woods roots. ■

