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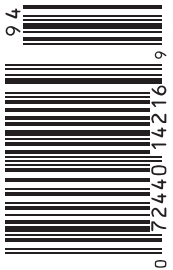
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KITCHEN REDO





In a suburban Chicago Victorian, designer Rebekah Zaveloff crafts a balanced kitchen that blends vintage style, new conveniences, and a much improved traffic flow.

Fine Lines

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LEFT: The new kitchen is a triple-play of success: plenty of work space, glorious storage everywhere, and room for the family to be together without tripping over each other.



1
Countertop
The no-worries marble stands up to daily use. A raised marine edge prevents runoff.

2
Lighting
Vintage-look fixtures provide functional lighting, and they match the style of the room.

3
Tile
Subway tile creates the desired casual feel, and it doesn't mind water and splattered oil.



REBEKAH ZAVELOFF
Kitchen Designer

With no place for prep, scarce storage, and a lack of gathering spaces, this suburban Chicago kitchen needed a fresh start, and it needed to be respectful of the existing architecture. Here's how kitchen designer Rebekah Zaveloff approached the design problems.

The Wish List

"The client had a few things on her wish list for this kitchen. The first was an informal area. The other request was desk space for her two kids, which was quite a feat to accomplish considering the size of the kitchen and all the other things we needed to have in there."

Inspiration

"The architectural bones of the kitchen were inspired by the front foyer of the house, which had a very classic, soft, and elegant feel without being too formal. We tried to repeat the molding, the panel work from the stairs, and some of the details. And the colors were gorgeous together—soft whites and grays, dark wood, and a chandelier. Those were some of our inspiration points."

The Vision

"The overall design vision was that the kitchen should look like it had always been there. The house has an old soul, so we took great pains to include items that felt like they were timeworn. We included vintage pieces, used materials that we knew would patina easily, and did a soft burnished glaze on the cabinet colors."

4
Cabinetry
The two tones of cabinetry anchor a light-dark theme that runs through the kitchen.

5
Hardware
Sturdy yet elegant hardware enhances the millwork details in the cabinetry.

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LEFT: A new wall of mixed-use storage wraps the refrigerator and freezer. Kitchen designer Rebekah Zaveloff ordered the doors reversed, making the refrigerator easier to open when approaching it from the sink work zone.

ABOVE: Recessed into the wall, a built-in hutch leaves room for foot traffic and displays stoneware.

BELOW: Tucked between two support columns, the desk island has custom-color cabinetry and a solid wood work surface.

Smart Storage

"I usually go with tried-and-true when it comes to storage solutions. I think about the things we have, the way we like to cook, the way we entertain, and how frustrating it is when you can't find things when you go looking for them. The built-in hutch that's to your left when you're at the island sink has everything from pots and pans below to napkin rings and candles in the middle to dishes and glassware above. It helps contribute to a sort of European aesthetic, which means fewer wall cabinets and more windows and continuous tile. It helps the space feel lighter."

Casual Choices

"One of the things we decided early on was to go with carrara marble countertops as opposed to Calcutta. We also chose to go with machine-made subway tiles as opposed to handmade. Those decisions actually contributed to making the kitchen feel more casual and approachable, rather than formal and overly elegant. It definitely helps contribute to the space feeling more comfortable, and it suits the family's lifestyle."





PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER

ABOVE: Designed for windows, these oiled-bronze pulls were the right size and look for the kitchen cabinets.

ABOVE RIGHT: Modern latches on upper cabinets look as if they came from a vintage icebox.

BELOW RIGHT: Two-tone round bone knobs on the hallway cabinet were purchased on a trip to London.

BELOW: Glass pulls on desk drawers add a pleasant shimmer on flat gray cabinets.



Where to find it

REFRIGERATOR: *B1-48S Side-by-Side built-in, Sub-Zero*, subzero.com

FAUCET: *Valence Mixer with hand spray in Polished Nickel*, [Herbeau](http://Herbeau.com), herbeau.com

DESK HARDWARE: *Pipeline Handle*, [Anthropologie](http://Anthropologie.com), anthropologie.com

ISLAND SEATING: *Marais 30-inch stool*, [Design Within Reach](http://Design Within Reach.com), dwr.com

ISLAND LIGHTING: *Yoke Pendant with Large Shade in Antique Nickel*, [Circa Lighting](http://Circa Lighting.com), circalighting.com

Fine Lines





Make it yours

Create a modern kitchen that has vintage appeal by combining classic distressed cabinetry and industrial-look appliances. Add fixtures with traditional surfaces and period-look details such as these (clockwise from opposite, top left) to re-create the look in your home.

WALLPAPER: *Silvergata BP854, Farrow & Ball, farrow-ball.com*

FAUCET: *Country Kitchen collection model A1679WS in*

Polished Nickel with porcelain levers, Rohl, rohlhome.com

CABINETS: *Covington in Antique White with Brown glaze and*

Midnight with distressed finish, Great Northern Cabinetry,

greatnortherncabinetry.com

SINK: *Luberon in White, Herbeau, herbeau.com*

SCONCE: *Pimlico Double Swing Arm Wall Lamp in Antique*

Burnished Brass, Circa Lighting, circalighting.com

COUNTERTOP: *Honed carrara marble, check local stone*

fabrication shops

WALL TILE: *Astral Luna, U.S. Ceramic, homedepot.com*

DECORATIVE TILE: *EC-39, hand-painted in Rose, Mizner*

Industries, miznerindustries.com

RANGE: *48-inch stainless-steel dual-fuel range, Bertazzoni,*

bertazzoni-italia.com

STOOL: *Marais 30-inch stool in Gunmetal Grey, Design*

Within Reach, dwi.com

