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## Brunswick Project: Kitchen And Main Floor Renovation

*Karen Sealy*



Have you ever considered downsizing your life from a large suburban home to a small downtown space? Our clients did just this, moving to downtown Toronto to be closer to their children. To ease the transition with this new phase in their life they engaged the services of Sealy Design to create a functional yet stunning new home. The goal was to ensure a main floor space that allowed our clients to host large family dinners and entertain visiting friends; the main floor here was only 700 square feet so maximising every inch was crucial.

The first recommendation from the Sealy Design was to relocate the existing kitchen from a confined corner at the back of the house to the center of the new open concept main floor. This allowed us to increase the square footage of the kitchen from 150 to 250 square feet providing space for an oversized island and ample work space while still leaving room for a comfortable dining area that seats six.

We mapped out the proposed cabinets and island along the dining room floor, using painters tape, to help our clients get a better sense of their new space prior to construction. Due to the

fact that our clients are avid cooks we needed to design a plan that would accommodate a wall oven and microwave combination in addition to their 36 inch slide in range, a 36 inch refrigerator and pantry storage as well as a custom wine cooler, not to mention storage for their dishes, crystal, pots, pans and over 100 cook books. This meant taking advantage of every inch of usable space, optimizing organized storage throughout. The 50 inch wide island allowed for a 12 inch overhang for four counter stools as well as 12 inch deep bookcases concealed behind sliding doors along the back of the island. We also created a built-in bookcase in what would have been a basic knee wall and created a hidden drawer under an existing stair landing to take advantage of every empty cavity.

A tone-on-tone colour scheme of custom white cabinets with integrated, panelled appliances helps to create a clean and consistent line of cabinetry without overwhelming the narrow space. A sealed, marble slab backsplash is combined with a quartz countertop for an elegant look with minimal maintenance and durable materials.

Now that we had a beautiful new kitchen to feature, something had to be done with the awkwardly positioned staircase. A fresh coat of white paint was applied to the risers and we replaced the heavy spindles with sheets of glass to allow a view through to the rest of the space. An aluminum railing picks up on the metal accents throughout and provides a modern focal point within the more traditional home. As in many older homes the existing Oak panelling was installed half way up the wall instead of the more visually appealing "rule of thirds" composition. To help disguise the awkward proportion and to save the cost of removing the wood panelling we chose to paint it out the same silvery taupe as the walls.

Although their old kitchen was three times the size, with strategic planning and design we were able to create a more functional new kitchen in a much smaller square footage. Our clients love the new space and tell us "it's the best kitchen we've ever had" and it is truly loved by family and friends. - Text by Renee Gammon of Sealy Design

