

ALL GROWN UP

A kitchen redo produces prime results



Charming and inviting, a family-friendly kitchen designed by Jim Dyjak and Megan Siason portrays a classic Point Loma coastal lifestyle.

Trips to antique stores added up to a collection of furnishings, décor and paintings that filled a quaint, traditional home in Point Loma with charm. Unfortunately, the charm didn't quite work the same spell on Nate and Katie Treadwell's outdated and cramped, galley-style kitchen.

"The kitchen was not functional," says Jim Dyjak, whose design/build firm reconfigured the room to make it more suitable for the homeowners. "The space didn't lend itself to Nate and Katie's active lifestyle that includes two young children."

Access to the kitchen, through a pair of small sliding French doors, wasn't ideal. Even worse was the location of the eating nook: adjacent to the kitchen in a major circulation space that intersected the stairway. Removal of the back wall allowed for an approximate 250-square-foot addition that accommodated a bigger kitchen and a newly expanded eating area/family room.

"A 12-foot-wide, wood-clad sliding door was installed to access the rear-yard patio," Jim says. "Now natural light funnels in, and the new doors give the space an indoor/outdoor feel."

The team also expanded the original interior opening from the living room to the kitchen and created an additional

opening from the kitchen to the living room for better flow. Jim brought M Studio's Megan Siason aboard to assist with the finishes.

"I found the common theme in Katie's collection to be warm, airy and welcoming, capturing the essence of old Point Loma," Megan says. "We wanted to ensure that flavor was introduced into the kitchen by means of a coastal color palette with saturated blues, a light backdrop of perimeter cabinetry and backsplash, and hints of brass metal with black accents in light fixtures."

The countertop's natural quartzite stone brings in more soft, elegant blue tones to complement the Shaker-style cabinetry that's dressed up with brass hardware.

"Knowing that we would incorporate white upper cabinets, we chose beveled subway tile to add a bit of dimension and allow the backsplash to feel more pronounced along the perimeter," Megan says.

The grander space so drastically improved the way the homeowners cook, converse and entertain that Katie gave it a new name.

"She calls it her 'grownup kitchen,'" Megan says with a smile. ♦

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