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Small-sized kitchen gets look of luxury



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DECORATING WITH STYLE

This adorable little kitchen has come a long way — from a very dated and non-functional existence to a bright, timeless kitchen with plenty of space for storage, appliances and a sitting area. To save on construction costs, we stayed within the existing walls and did not change the location of the appliances.

Though the budget was tight, the client had a lengthy wish list. The goal was to provide lots of display, storage for prized and sentimental dishware, as well as all the other essential elements we all need in a well-designed working kitchen.

A cabinet which houses the client's collection of crystal glasses is located above

the sink. Though using glass cabinet fronts seems to waste space since the area has to be more of a display rather than pure storage, it does add tremendous visual appeal. Moulded glass doors and accent lighting adds drama to the area.

A cabinet to the left of the fridge stands is only eight inches deep and packs a lot of punch. It allows the client to display her treasured ceramic collection and is the first thing you see when entering the kitchen from the hall area. Lighting floods the area with a soft glow.



BEFORE: This kitchen looked dated and was not very functional with limited space for storage and displaying items.

We did not have a lot of space to play with in this kitchen, so creative design solutions provided by the team at Legend Kitchens suggested a clever solution for the microwave. Vents were created to the area and a trim kit was included to create a built-in look. Beside the microwave area, more display was added upon request of the client and it truly does create a beautiful punctuation to the area.

Peninsulas are a clever alternative in small kitchens which do not have enough space for an island. In this kitchen, we squeezed in just enough cabinetry to hold cutlery and accessories while

seating three people comfortably at the peninsula which sits just in front of the sliding doors to the backyard.

When designing a kitchen, I will often splurge on at least one item which will define the style of the space and bring a feeling of timeless luxury to the space. Here, we added a quartz countertop and simple classic brick pattern honed marble tiles. Additional details such as posts and crema marfil marble floors were found at a huge discount. Since we did not need a lot, these elements make this kitchen very special for the single lady who lives here.

Behind every small and functionally challenged kitchen lies a space which is personalized and beautiful with the ability to function and work hard for you. With clever design solutions and carefully chosen design details, you too can have a space you where you will want to play 'chef'.

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A cabinet helps to create visual drama by putting this beautiful collection of plates and accessories on display.



AFTER: This bright, timeless design features plenty of space for storage and has lots of visual appeal.