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# hidden **TREASURE**

Cleveland Heights homeowners  
maintain historical character  
in kitchen renovation

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“I had driven by this house so many times, but I had never really noticed it,” Carol says of her home of 10 years. It was not until Carol and her husband Carlos saw an advertisement that the house was for sale that they were introduced to its character. “When I stepped inside the house, I fell in love—and I just had to have it.” ✧ The 1920s Pennsylvania farmhouse that would become the couple’s home was originally built in 1922 for the first wife of Franklin S. Terry, who was one of the founders of the General Electric Lighting Institute at Nela Park. “We’re not really sure who the architect was, because the records were lost,” Carol says. ✧ Carol and Carlos are the seventh owners of the home, and they were drawn to the exposed brick, nice woodworking and the history of the home. “The house was kept in good condition, but over the years we have done different things to update,” Carol explains.

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### Calling all cooks—and contractors

The most extensive renovation occurred in Carol and Carlos' kitchen where outdated appliances and countertops slowly encouraged the couple to completely overhaul the space. Carol and Carlos wanted a different layout for their kitchen to accomplish a few major concerns.

First, the peninsula-shaped island was preventing the radiator from heating the kitchen. Carol says the room would be warm when you first walked in, but it would gradually get cooler as you proceeded into the heart of the space. Carol and Carlos also wanted to incorporate some mudroom features into their kitchen,

because their side door is the primary entrance to the home. Carol and Carlos found Dan Dureiko, of Dureiko Construction, through word of mouth and advertisements.

"He was very easy to work with, and he gave us a calendar for completion," Carol says of their contractor. "He was organized and had total control of the project."

Dureiko says the kitchen was just outdated, so they used the existing footprint to update the space. "They wanted their space to flow more, so we replaced an existing peninsula island with the current island," Dureiko adds.

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**OVERLEAF:** Natural elements matched harmoniously in earth tones create a calm atmosphere in this kitchen.

**ABOVE LEFT:** The center island replaced a peninsula island to provide more flow and heat to the space.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Stainless steel appliances are strategically placed to create a convenient work environment.

**RIGHT:** The radiator is camouflaged by being built-in to the cabinetry, and the homeowner's shoe racks are placed close to the side door.



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One of the main requirements for Carol and Carlos in the kitchen renovation was that their exposed brick wall had to remain a focal point of the space. The wall also housed two garden windows that brought ample light into the space. The homeowners wanted to keep these windows as well, so Dureiko utilized the deep windows to create extra counter space.

### No cold feet here

Two of the most unique features in Carol and Carlos' kitchen are the shoe rack and radiator that were created to maximize storage and space. "They wanted a space where they could put their shoes, and we had to move the existing radiator," Dureiko says.

Despite Carol's request for more heat circulation in her kitchen, she also wanted a ceiling fan in the space to create some

cool air movement. "Because of the brick wall, it absorbs a lot of heat—so the fan is great," she says. The couple also decided to utilize a simulated hardwood floor, because the kitchen is their primary entrance into the home. They wanted a floor that could withstand the cold, Cleveland winters.

### Splashes of color and texture

There were several elements of Carol's former kitchen that she liked, so she incorporated those details back into the space while working with interior designer Cheryl Case. "Originally, we had lighter cabinets, and I liked them—so we chose lighter cabinets again," Carol says of her Kraft Maid cabinetry.

The green wallpaper is also similar to the wallpaper that was in the former kitchen. The wallpaper actually has small shamrocks



## RESOURCES:

**Kitchen designer:**

Dan Dureiko

**Interior designer:**

Cheryl Case

**Contractor:**

Dureiko Construction

**Cabinetry:**

Kraft Maid—contractor's cabinets

**Flooring:**

Wilson Art—Olde Oak

**Countertops and backsplash:**

Cleveland Granite—  
Juperana Classico Gold "Rio" granite

**Sinks:**

Edelman Plumbing—ORCA

**Appliances:**

Interstate Kitchen Supply—GE



throughout. Although Carol does have Irish heritage, the choice was made simply because Carol liked the design.

Two of Carol's favorite features in the kitchen are much more practical than stylish. She loves her big sink, because before she had a divided sink that she found extremely hard to utilize. The one, open basin is more practical for her. Carol and Carlos also enjoy the flat screen television mounted right to the brick wall in their kitchen. The couple can enjoy the morning news while eating breakfast at their island.

Carol and Carlos are extremely happy with the results of their 12-week renovation, which they say Dureiko actually finished a few days ahead of schedule. To christen their new space, the couple hosted a dinner party with food purchased from a gift card that Dureiko gave them with a local catering service.

"They just knew what they wanted, and everything came together very well," Dureiko says of his clients. 🍷

OPPOSITE: One of the homeowner's favorite features is her new sink with one, open basin.

TOP LEFT: The two bay windows allowed for additional counter space.

TOP RIGHT: Coco, the homeowner's Australian terrier, loves curling up in front of the many original fireplaces in the historical home.