

Green in shades of Jade and Pocono create a bold and lavish design statement.



powerful practicality

Special Features
Stainless steel sink with water pattern nickel tiles. Glass roll-out trays. Hydraulic micro cabinet.

Dimensions
10 feet by 18 feet

Products Used
Cabinetry: Jade Calvados and Planked Pear High Gloss; Flooring: Mohawk; Countertops: Pocono Green Granite; Sink: Stainless Steel; Faucets: Grohe; Dishwasher: Bosch; Range: Wolf Gourmet; Lighting: Hafele, Recessed by Task; Refrigerator: Sub-Zero; Blinds: NDB Industries; Skylights: Velux.

"The kitchen looked like a train wreck," exclaimed the homeowners when they found their dream home. But the location, as well as the natural surroundings on the banks of Gunston Cove in Fairfax County, Virginia, gave the homeowners hope that the outdated colonial could be upgraded to a contemporary masterpiece.

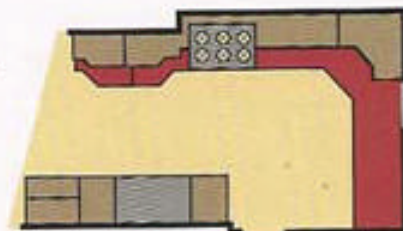
With the kitchen being the primary focus of the home, these homeowners hired Christopher Donaghy, of Kitchen Brokers, to create a contemporary theme to this unique space. Upon inspection, Donaghy found that the kitchen had two non-working cooktops, a failing refrigerator, non-existent lighting, a low 7-foot ceiling,

and self-stick flooring over plywood for the countertops.

Demolition began on the fourth day after arrival. Two walls were removed, three layers of tile were hammered out, the ceiling was raised to cathedral height, a 4-inch dip in the flooring was corrected, and all of the wiring, ducting and plumbing had to be replaced.

When it finally came to design, the man of the home, an avid cook, desired powerful, functional, and decidedly masculine appliances. Commercial stainless steel equipment therefore took priority on his wish list. The wife desired practicality, so simple lines, easy clean finishes, and spacious storage and countertops were included in the design.

In the end, the strength of the angles, the lighted high-gloss cabinetry, polished stone, and stainless steel appliances made these homeowners' contemporary vision a reality — setting the tone for the heart of this fine home. ♦





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