Warm Welcome

This kitchen in Aurora, Illinois, was completely outdated and its cold and uninviting feeling had to go. To make it more appealing, Nicole M. Weiland of Casa Bella Design Center eliminated the white and gray color palette that flooded the room. Instead, warm birch cabinetry was used and shades of red, orange, and brown were carried into the flooring, backsplash and light fixtures to breathe a breath of fresh air into the space. Black accents in the cabinet hardware and countertops, as well as stainless steel appliances, add an interesting contrast to a new design.

Storage was also of major concern, so Weiland removed the existing soffits, which allowed the wall cabinets to extend all the way to the ceiling to gain extra storage for dishes. She also eliminated a desk area in order to reconfigure the layout to make room for two new pantry cabinets, a decorative glass display cabinet, and a functional placement for the refrigerator and microwave.

The fluorescent light box above the island was removed and replaced with can lighting. Also added was a decorative semi-flush mount light above the sink and lighting under the cabinetry—all glowing enhancements that give the warm-hued space the perfect layers of light to illuminate it beautifully. «

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SPECIAL FEATURES
Multilevel island; custom wine storage cabinet; tile backsplash; contrasting countertops

DIMENSIONS
20 x 14

PRODUCTS USED
Cabinetry: Bertch Legacy
Flooring: Dal-Tile
Countertops: Cambria
Sink(s): Blanco
Faucets: Kohler
Dishwasher: Miele
Range: Wolf
Lighting: Thomas Lighting
Refrigerator: Viking
Wallcovering: Paint
Range hood: Zephyr

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