Hickory Highlights

When these Woodridge, Illinois, homeowners moved in, they were not in love with the kitchen layout or overall design. After years of living with the sub-par space, they finally decided it was time to renovate and sought out Jessica Gomes of Casa Bella Kitchen and Bath Remodelers to show them how it could be done.

Gomes first focused on creating a family-friendly layout for the kitchen. Unlike the original arrangement, the new design allowed for a proper flow and increased functionality by relocating almost all of the appliances. The kitchen's major problem area was eliminated by relocating the refrigerator and creatively installing 12-inch-deep pantry cabinets and angled base cabinetry. Thoughtful selection and placement of cabinet accessories maximized the amount of cabinetry and added everyday functionality.

For the overall materials selection, the homeowners had only one must: hickory cabinetry. Overjoyed to work with this less popular wood choice, Gomes selected a color palette that not only worked with the homeowner's affinity for Arts-and-Crafts styling but also blended well with the overall scheme. Featuring an unorthodox pairing of a light countertop with a dark backsplash, this kitchen lends a feeling of warmth in a very unique and creative setting. «

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SPECIAL FEATURES
Hickory cabinetry; glass accented backsplash; mission-style light fixtures

DIMENSIONS
20' x 12'

PRODUCTS USED
Cabinetry: Merillat Masterpiece, hickory
Flooring: Oak hardwood
Countertops: Silestone, ivory coast
Sink(s): Blanco
Faucets: Danze
Dishwasher: KitchenAid Architect
Cooktop: GE Profile
Lighting: Task lighting; Murray Feiss
Refrigerator: KitchenAid Architect
Wallcovering: Benjamin Moore paint
Oven: KitchenAid Architect
Tile: American Olean; Dal-Tile

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