



Designer: Catherine Heir
Homeowner: Keith & Barb Swichtenberg

Project: Kitchen Renovation

Solution: An awkward layout, limited counter space and inadequate storage contributed to the previous kitchen's shortcomings. The Swichtenberg's wanted a warm and inviting space that was not only functional, but beautiful as well. A combination of island shape created ample counter space for baking and entertaining.

"Many of our clients live in older homes where the location is perfect but the kitchen is not. I have come to realize that kitchen's today must serve many functions. Homeowners want home offices, entertainment centers, gathering spaces as well as the maximum storage and counter space. I've even gotten requests for coffee centers and pet feeding stations. Every family's lifestyle is unique.

I start by asking in depth questions before beginning design. Once I figure out the room's many functions and traffic patterns I design several floor plans incorporating custom solutions to fit the family's needs.

It's been said that form follows function. If you have a beautiful kitchen which does not function well for your family, the space will be a constant source of frustration and the process will have been ultimately unsuccessful."

- Catherine Heir, Allied Member ASID

Dear Catherine,

It is hard to believe that it is nearly 2 years since we came to you asking for a "WOW" kitchen. We had some idea of what we wanted but never could we have imagined the awesome kitchen that we now have.

The design that you worked up for us is not only outstanding but also extremely functional. You have an eye for detail and made sure that every little detail was worked out.

We have done a lot of entertaining since the kitchen completion and people are absolutely amazed at the transformation. The kitchen used to be a dark bottleneck and now is bright and roomy and works so much better with the large groups of people that we have entertained.

We plan to stay in this house for a while, but realize as well that when it is time to sell, the kitchen remodel will be the biggest asset that we have to offer. This was money well spent. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

- Keith and Barb Swichtenberg

