

# BLUEPRINT FOR IMPROVEMENT

## NEW KITCHEN REMODEL WITH MUDROOM

**INITIAL SITUATION:** This home in the Avian Glen neighborhood in Carmel was built in the mid 90's and included the builder's original kitchen with white thermo foil cabinets. The original cabinetry starting to fall apart and the homeowner needed more storage space. The final issue involved the desire to expand and create a new mudroom coming in off the garage.

**DESIGN PHASE:** The design phase focused on the best way to add more storage to the kitchen given the existing island and kitchen table locations. The owner wanted to upgrade to custom cabinets that would last longer and included nicer finishes. Since enlarging the footprint of the kitchen was not feasible, it was decided to close in the dining room door allowing more room for cabinetry. The island was left as the same size but the door to the laundry room hallway was slightly widened. The new design included recessed storage lockers in the hallway creating a new mudroom area that was missing before.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:** The design phase for the kitchen remodel included selection of appliances and lasted four weeks while the construction phase spread



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out over six weeks.

**FINAL PRODUCT:** The existing pantry closet was replaced with new custom cabinetry. The perimeter cabinets were full overlay custom cabinets in closed grain hardwood with antique white base paint with brown highlighting, while the island cabinets included a full overlay door style in black-painted, rubbed-through finish over an umber stain. The perimeter and island cabinets had a distressed look that simulated wearing and distressing. The new dishwasher, warming drawer and under-counter refrigerator included new matching cabinet front panels. The upper cabinets above the bar area included decorative glass doors. Matching range hood cabinetry was installed over the new cook top to cover the 30-inch exhaust fan hood liner. Finally, special wainscoting panels were installed on the back of the island and the new cabinetry received new oil-rubbed bronze knobs and pulls.

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