Relocating the major appliances to different parts of the room created additional counterspace and storage capacity.

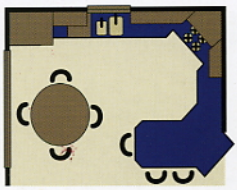
a great, great room

Unhappy with their dark 1980s era kitchen, these homeowners hoped to transform its narrow cabinetry and minimal work surface into a lightened and brightened great room which would open the kitchen to the rest of the house.

Designer Charlotte Nelson willfully accepted this undertaking. Her goal was to retain the table seating of the L-shaped kitchen while adding a small snack bar, providing better storage, and increasing the amount of workspace making it a more interactive kitchen environment for the homeowners. The designer took down the inadequate closet storage, creating an open entry area flanked on one side by four feet by twelve-inch-deep pantry closets, roomy enough for all of the homeowners' food items. On the other side a composition of three smaller cabinets was installed to hold and arrange items like mail, car keys, shoes, and other necessities.

The refrigerator was relocated, and the wall to the living room was opened up. While the L-shaped work area was retained, the stove was moved into a corner allowing for banks of wide drawers and long stretches of counterspace for food preparation. A dual waste cabinet and dishwasher were positioned to the left of the sink affording easy access to and from the table. Maple cabinets unify the kitchen and living area, jutting into the living room and then swinging back into the kitchen, adding countertop seating, storage and workspace.

The homeowners' goals of transforming their dark, dated kitchen into a great room effect was achieved, thereby enhancing the look of their entire home.



Special Features
Multi-level cabinets swing into the living room, integrating the kitchen and living room creating an open great room effect.

Dimensions
15 feet by 16 feet

Products Used
Cabinetry: Omega Embassy; Countertops: Surell/Spanish Paprika; Sink(s): Blanco undermount; Faucets: KWC.

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