



H&H STAFFER TRISH SNYDER CYCLES TO WORK YEAR-ROUND AND SMUGGLES APPLE CORES HOME TO COMPOST, SO WE CHALLENGED HER TO MAKE HER NEW KITCHEN AS ENVIRO-FRIENDLY AS POSSIBLE — AND TAKE US ALONG FOR THE RIDE.

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**Some** say the greatest lesson is one that is already built. But when it comes to our old kitchen, I try to differ. Our budget constrained problem to be. Poorly designed cabinets had an eating space for the basement. An old addition had expanded the kitchen to a space that is 17 ft by 10 ft. But it was renovated with the classic white paint. Vision of a dining area addition seemed daunting to me. But then my husband, who likes to eat, and I had a meeting. In adding more space, we were taking up more room — from building materials to electricity to our children's college fund. We didn't really want a house bigger than a 100-year-old one, we only needed more eating space and kitchen. So we moved on to the plan to make the space super efficient and pack it with healthy materials. And the plan is to be green — in the green.



**Preserve thy heat and light**  
 Since the old kitchen was used for a light area, I called GreenBarn, a local specialty window and energy window. They started an energy audit to determine the best window for the space. They started an energy audit to determine the best window for the space. They started an energy audit to determine the best window for the space.

**Choose clean cabinets**  
 Most cabinets made from MDF, plywood or particleboard contain formaldehyde, that people get when walking around built-in cabinets — and a known carcinogen. To keep our home from becoming a chemical-free zone, we opted instead for glass-fronted cabinets created by a local manufacturer using non-toxic materials. As for the old cabinet, I had to think about how to reuse it. I decided to keep things out of sight. I found a local cabinet company that would take the old cabinet and make it into a coffee table. They started an energy audit to determine the best window for the space.



**Keep the air fresh**  
 This new space is a "new" smell to our noses because it's made using the most off-gas friendly options. These panels feature recycled paper treated with water-based finishes instead of chemicals. The backsplash is recycled paper, an alternative to particleboard-based tiles. For the flooring, I discovered PaperStone, a concrete material that looks recycled paper with natural veils. And walls are coated with EPPE (ethylene polypropylene) paint. It contains none of the hazardous chemicals of most synthetic paints and acts as a barrier to reduce off-gassing from the surface it's applied to.

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A classic trellis print looks fresh again in this lush shade

**Kate Spade green**  
 THE OFFICIAL PREPPY HUE

**HOME PICK**  
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BEFORE AND AFTER

# TAKE TWO

PAST MEETS PRESENT WHEN AN OUT-OF-DATE IKEA KITCHEN GETS AN UP-TO-THE-MOMENT OVERHAUL.

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**ABOVE:** Deck out the kitchen with the past meets present when an out-of-date Ikea kitchen gets an up-to-the-moment overhaul. The new kitchen is a bright, modern kitchen that would fit the room's layout and style. The new kitchen was built on an existing foundation, so the structure was mostly intact.

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