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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.

Produced by Cassara Allen/Neil Kist for Trish Snyder Photography by Doreen Griffin

Some say the greatest lesson is one that is already built. But when it came 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 not 10 ft by 10 ft. But it was renovated with the classic white base. Choice of a dining area addition seemed daunting to my husband. But then my husband, who I love, and I did a really clever fix, adding more space around taking up more counter — from building materials for electricity to our children's college fund. We didn't really want a house bigger than a 1000 square foot, we only needed more efficient than our kitchen. So we started on the plan to make the space super efficient and pack it with healthy materials. And the lessons are a new part of the plan — and our little BODs — in the process.



Choose clean cabinets
Most cabinets made from PVC, foam or polystyrene aren't sustainable. This project got better when we used salvage doors — and a better countertop. To keep our home from becoming a museum, we spent money for the hardware cabinet instead of a local manufacturer using non-recycled materials. As for the sink, we chose a stainless steel sink for durability and easy cleaning. We also chose a long-lasting, easy-to-clean sink. We chose a long-lasting, easy-to-clean sink. We chose a long-lasting, easy-to-clean sink.



Keep the air fresh
This new space is a "low" level in our house because it's not on the main level. The walls are painted with water-based latex paint instead of oil-based. The kitchen is painted with water-based latex paint instead of oil-based. The kitchen is painted with water-based latex paint instead of oil-based.

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A classic trellis print looks fresh again in this lush shade.

Kate Spade green
THE OFFICIAL PREPPY HUE

HOME PICK
This is the perfect shade of green for your home. It's a classic trellis print that looks fresh again in this lush shade.

While there are more shades of green than any other colour in the spectrum, Kate Spade's classic Kelly green is a particularly pretty one for interiors, where it mingles effortlessly with everything from brights to whites. Painting trim the same verdant hue as the wallpaper's graphic trellis pattern produces a more decorated look, while strategic hits of black add urban polish. Schumacher Imperial Trellis wallpaper, fabric, by Kelly Wearstler; Blenheim & Co. cable, lamp, Angus & Company; Kate Spade vase, clock; Teatro Verde duvet cover, shams; Pottery Barn drapes, rug; Alice black ribbon; Modesto wallpaper by Thistle Printing; sewing for pillows, drapes, blinds, Drape & Bedding.

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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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The problem: The kitchen in Colleen Shaker and Jeff Anichini's Burlington, Ont., house had definitely outlived its welcome. The white Ikea cabinets, more than 20 years old, didn't provide adequate storage. The hanging handles, such as the black, heart-shaped tile that seemed to absorb the limited daylight, contributed to the room's dark look. The most glaring issue was the lack of an oven, particularly getting to Colleen, who loves to bake. "The kitchen just didn't fit with the rest of Colleen and Jeff's home, which is such a warm traditional," explains Jeff's sister, Stephanie White, who worked with the magazine's design team on the kitchen. "It had some better days than other days!" Working closely with the senior designers, Stephanie and the magazine team came up with a bright, modern renovation plan. The team's biggest renovation priority: the oven. In a central location, the oven was fitted in an accessible, floor-to-ceiling pantry storage. The peninsula was lowered and...

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