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An Elegant Kitchen Remodel





A couple in Fairfax Station had lived with a drab, small kitchen for years. They approached Michael Nash Design build to create a dream room with lasting appeal. The original design was dark and cramped, wasn't set up for functional use and was cut off from other rooms which made daily living and entertaining very difficult. Dark brown cabinets, black countertops and a small island added to the gloomy, dated feel. [CONTINUED >](#)

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"The kitchen is really the heart of any house," says Sonny Nazemian, master designer/remodeler at Michael Nash Design Build. "And the expectation with a modern kitchen is that it fits seamlessly into daily life since so much time is spent there. It has to be connected, functional and beautiful...a place where people want to spend their time."

In order to achieve the new look, the design team needed to take down walls, reconfigure the stairway, open up more windows to add light and move appliances for functionality. They removed a bearing wall connecting the old kitchen to a small pantry and laundry room. The island was expanded to 12 feet with seating for up to 6 people, and now houses a microwave and extra storage. A new 48" Thermador professional range with two ovens and a large matching stainless steel hood sit across from the island and serve as an eye-catching centerpiece. A beautiful new stainless farmhouse sink is now flanked by dishwashers on either side. The adjacent wall houses Thermador 36" refrigerator and side-by-side 36" freezer and

additional cabinetry. After removing a cramped desk area, the opposite wall now features a bar area complete with wine cooler. A dining area fits seamlessly in the large open space.

"One of the design elements we love about this kitchen is the contrasting cabinet colors," says Sonny. "The majority of the custom cabinetry is dove white to bring a light feel to the room, but the island and the bar cabinets carry a cherry molasses color. Something as simple as the contrasting dark wood steps and white of the stairwell, carries this color scheme and gives the room another unexpected pop. The white Cambria quartz countertops add elegance to the room. Recessed lights combined with beautiful matching pendant lights and chandelier have completely transformed the brightness."

Another unique feature is a wall of custom cabinetry with a large interior-lit middle cutout. The Sea Stone porcelain floor tiles are another modern touch to bring this kitchen into the 21st Century and will be enjoyed for many years to come.

