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A Clean Slate

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Kitchens and mudrooms are some of the most well-worn and lived-in spaces in a home. When remodeling, getting all the elements of storage and functionality demands detail. This 1928 bungalow had gone through several renovations before the owners got it right. Their secret? A good kitchen designer.

Catherine Whitney of South End Kitchen Design Studio was invaluable to the re-design. “My mudroom wasn’t big enough and I really thought we couldn’t get everything that I wanted in there,” says Alison Frank, the homeowner. “Also, the dog was housed in this space so it really needed to be functional. The end result blew my mind.”

The mudroom has roll-out storage for dog food and pet supplies, a drawer that conceals the dog dish and a divided area for grilling tools. It also has lockers and desk area with plenty of drawers and usable surface space. The best part: it’s convertible.

The dog bed can easily be removed and a stool added. The drawer that has the dog dish can go back to being storage.

The kitchen is equally impressive. Now redesigned, the same footprint contains more storage, more counter space and more room to move. Moving the stove just six inches added symmetry between the cabinets, better counter space and large pull-out drawers perfect for pots and pans. They also moved the sink from the corner to allow for more space and better work flow.

Two pantries with roll-outs flank a baking area with an herb and spice rack, located on the door. Deep drawers store small appliances, coffee supplies and baking pans. There was even room for her fine china that had previously been stored in a hall closet.

“You don’t need a lot of space to live well. It just needs to be well planned and organized,” notes Alison.



1928 Bungalow Kitchen Makeover

- Brookhaven cabinets and kitchen design by South End Kitchen Design Studio
- Corduroy glass in the upper cabinets to give it a vintage feel
- Cambria Quartz in the color Castle Martin
- Chandelier and custom paint colors: Lucy & Company
- Backsplash tile: Crossville Tile & Stone
- General Contractor: Advanced Renovations / Alair Homes



