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A bright, white kitchen is most appreciated during the dreary winter months.



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HEARTH & HOME

+ The one common fact about living in a great country like Canada is that we all share the winter season. Whether you're up to your knees in snow or deluged with drizzle, the bleak, sunless days of winter remind us of the importance of making our interior spaces warm and cheery. Creating light and energy in our environments is key to helping us shake off the effects of Canada's dreary winter months.

FAMILY PLAN

It was with this in mind that Stephan and Anna Maria embarked on a major kitchen renovation in their 30's era home. Dark, cramped and too small for their growing family, their existing kitchen certainly wasn't suited for entertaining. A plan was devised to extend the existing kitchen with an addition that would double its size to include a large island, a floor-to-ceiling pantry and beverage centre, a comfy breakfast nook and, the piece de resistance, a lounge area with modern fireplace.

The three key elements the couple was looking for were function, comfort and warmth. They also wanted to preserve the turn-of-the-century Edwardian style but add a modern twist. The clean and simple wide-rail, shaker-style cabinetry, in Benjamin Moore's Oxford white paint, defines the style. Continuing the dark oak hardwood flooring, used throughout the rest of the house, into the new kitchen, seamlessly connects the space to the adjacent family room and adds a ton of warmth to the area.



The warmth of hardwood floors underfoot is a treat for feet on chilly winter mornings and lends classic good looks to a modern kitchen.

GATHER TOGETHER

An elegant granite-topped island that seats four comfortably for family meals is the perfect place for guests to gather on special occasions.

+ HUB OF THE HOUSE

A large entertainment-friendly central island with a stunning granite countertop encourages family and friends to gather in the new kitchen at the back of the house. The original back wall of the house was removed to open the kitchen up into the living and dining rooms towards the front of the house. Glazed garden doors maximize natural light letting the sun stream in and offer convenient access from the kitchen to the back deck and garden views.

WARM UP TO COLOUR

To warm up the cool feel of the large, all-white kitchen the walls are painted a warm, deep gray with Benjamin Moore's Kendal Charcoal, a colour drawn from the island's granite top. This colour adds depth to the room and balances the white cabinets. The rich patterning of the countertop adds movement and texture to the space. More texture is added to the backsplash that features thin marble tiles laid in a random horizontal pattern to create interest at eye level.



Stainless steel pull-out, swivel shelving provides valuable storage.



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Inset at just the right height to warm up the seating area, the rectangular gas fireplace is the jewel of this open-concept space.



Above. A rectangular table with inset bench seating and upholstered chairs seats six to eight for formal dining.

FAMILY DINING

A dining area that seats 4 to 6 comfortably is a wonderful addition to this kitchen. To save space and add interest, the seating around the rectangular dark oak table includes chairs on one side and a cushioned bench seat built in between the two floor-to-ceiling cabinets. This convenient nook is a great place to cozy up for informal family dining or to curl up on chilly weekend mornings with a hot java and the newspaper.

GATHER ROUND THE FIRE

Last but not least, what makes this kitchen special is the adjacent sitting area that features a modern inset gas fireplace, an element the clients really wanted to incorporate into their large family kitchen. This small lounge area with two modern chairs flanking the fireplace is shared by the living room on the opposite side making this a favorite gathering place when entertaining. The fireplace with its granite surround that matches the island countertop, designed to connect the two spaces, draws attention making it a welcomed focal point in the house.

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By choosing rich colours like mid-gray, taupe and warm white you can achieve a look that's cool in summer and warm in winter. This palette is the perfect backdrop for any trendy or favourite accent colour you want to introduce. And don't forget the best element that's sure to warm up any décor – family and friends!



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