

[A FAMILY KITCHEN]

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The floor plan for this suburban family home included a kitchen that was undersized and isolated. While there was a large family room adjacent to the kitchen, the room was separated from the rest of the house. The kitchen's bay provided an area for seating, but was much too tight for everyday use. Our solution not only opens the kitchen to the family room, but also offers more functional work areas, additional storage space, and seating for five in the new breakfast area. **PR**

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