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Contractor: Charlie Allen Renovations
Interior Design: Elizabeth Tanny Designs





OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

A busy couple living atop a historic brownstone in Cambridge didn't have time to interject their hectic professional lives, with home improvements but knew they were ready for a change. At the top of their to-do list were a kitchen and bathroom refresh. The kitchen, a small, enclosed utility space, featured dated tile flooring and backsplash and a cramped floor plan. The bathroom cried out for a new tub and a safer walk-in shower with bench seating.

Elizabeth Tanny, a New York-based interior designer who is also the sister and sister-in-law of the homeowners, stepped in to help. She worked with the couple to select artwork and furniture, as well as paint colors.

At the beginning of the project, subtle changes stitched together the home's living areas. Remodeler, Charlie Allen Renovations opened the wall between the kitchen and dining room, which had been mostly enclosed. The small kitchen had featured a traditional work triangle with refrigerator, stove, and a prep area along three separate walls. Unfortunately the room was too cramped for this particular layout. Instead, the stove and refrigerator were placed on the same wall, which allowed a larger opening to the dining room.



The overhanging cabinetry in the kitchen was kept in place but replaced with a new unit that housed separate cabinets facing both the kitchen and dining room for extra storage opportunities. With extra countertop at the sink, the half-wall, and on either side of the stove, the homeowners now have plenty of prep space.

In favor of a crisp white palette, pearl Omega cabinets were a perfect compliment to the room. A mix of brushed nickel and glass knob pulls offer a visual variety. The countertops, were dressed in an elegant white Quartz Calacatta Novus with a sophisticated dark wave pattern. The backsplash is Feather Gray Manhattan Field Tile.

Refinished and repainted moulding allows for a seamless flow among the living spaces. The dining and living rooms, were dressed in Benjamin Moore's Edgecomb Gray. The tile flooring was removed from the kitchen in favor of restoring the original oak hardwoods, uniting both rooms with the rest of the condo.

In the bathroom, the tub was replaced with a curbless walk-in shower and built-in marble bench seating. A Vintage Studio's Starry White wall tile and Bianco Carrera honed floor tile were installed along a new vanity with a Cambria Queen Anne marble top and Robern medicine cabinet. The end result is as graceful, as it is refined.

