THIS PHOTO: Milky white walls and glossy subway tiles offset dark espressocolor cabinets. Stainless-steel appliances bestow additional shine.

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# custom blend

A mix of cautious spending and judicious splurging enables a couple to cook up a sleek new kitchen.

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## excited to revamp the dismal kitchen in



their 1940s Raleigh bungalow, Jenny and Jonathan Bonchak wanted to infuse the room with character. That desire required vision, as the kitchen was nearly nonexistent, Jenny says. "It had a sink and a couple of cupboards, but it didn't have a single appliance." The 11×13-foot space didn't even have a floor—just a subfloor.

Which was precisely the kitchen's appeal. "It gave us an empty space to work with," says Jenny, who along with Jonathan embraced the chance to create a stylish new room. "We didn't add a single inch," Jenny says, "but we did create a functional, open kitchen." The couple ditched a wall between the kitchen and adjacent living room, and they nestled a refrigerator into a small closet that once housed a water heater. "It was one of the smartest things we did," Jenny says of recessing the appliance.

Equally wise was the Bonchaks' decision to skip upper cabinets in favor of new windows and open shelves. "Natural light was a priority," Jenny says. "Plus, we don't have a ton of dishes or glassware, so we didn't really need a lot of storage." Pots are stored on an inexpensive wall-mount rack; knives rest on a magnetic wall strip. "We scoured—and I mean scoured—the Internet for the best deals on everything," Jenny says. "I was not ashamed to find coupons and ask other sites or stores to match them. And we asked for builder discounts everyplace."

The savings allowed for luxuries such as espresso-color cabinets, stainless-steel appliances, and concrete countertops. "We like things to be clean and modern," Jenny says, "but we appreciate natural elements." Reclaimed hardwood flooring warms the kitchen and delivers character—while also stretching the budget. "It was important that the kitchen feel cozy," Jenny says, noting that she and Jonathan welcome the patina their kitchen is slowly gaining from use. "I love that it looks like we cook and make coffee here, because we do!" RESOURCES BEGIN ON PAGE 108.

THIS PHOTO: Homeowners Jenny and Jonathan Bonchak installed two new windows to add lots of light. A bridge-style faucet with a polished-nickel finish offers timeless elegance to the relocated sink. OPPOSITE: Contemporary features such as boldly patterned curtains and straight shelf and counter profiles are offset by the vintage vibe of the subway tile backsplash.

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### about this makeover



Homeowners Jenny and Jonathan Bonchak improved traffic flow and sight lines by removing a wall between the dining and living areas. In its place, they built a half-wall to define the two spaces. The refrigerator was set into a closet that once held the water heater.



ABOVE: Simple-and inexpensive—open shelves store dishware, creating an easy-access, functional display area. "We spent \$140 on the four shelves," Jenny says, "where we would have had to spend upward of \$300 each on cabinets." ABOVE RIGHT: A wall-mount knife holder helps keep counters free of clutter. RIGHT: White subway tile brightens the kitchen's dark cabinets and walnut-stained oak floor. "All the white, plus the light from the windows, prevents the darker elements of the kitchen from feeling gloomy," Jenny says.





## budget

#### Appliances

Dishwasher	1,400
Range	1,900
Refrigerator	700
Vent hood	350
Cabinetry	

#### Cabinets, includes labor 3,400 Hardware 100

#### Plumbing

Faucet	450
Sink	125

#### Surfaces

Backsplash tile, includes labor	520
Countertop, includes labor	50
Flooring, includes labor	800
Paint and primer	60

#### Miscellaneous

Door	800
Drywall and trim moldings,	1,000
includes labor	
Fabric window treatment,	385
includes labor	
Knife holder	14
Pendant lights	455
Pot rack	10
Shelves	140
Small shelves by window	12
Windows, includes labor	800
Window blinds	40
Total	\$13,511

Costs do not include labor unless noted.

pot rack inexpensively boosts storage

> THIS PHOTO: An \$800 splurge, the new back door ushers light and backyard views into the kitchen. The globe-style pendant repeats the circular shape of the pedestal table.



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**PAGES 16-20** Backsplash tile 12×12-inch Cicerone Noche ceramic wall tile #262956 by American Olean, grout Keracolor sanded grout with polymer in Bone #6495, faucet Classic low-arc kitchen faucet with side spray in stainless steel #311849 by Delta, cabinet hardware Gate House bar pulls in satin nickel #119462—Lowe's; 800/445-6937; lowes.com. Tile adhesive, seam tape-Bondera TileMatSet; 888/862-8738; bonderatilematset .com. Tile adhesive and seam tape are available through Lowe's; 800/445-6937; lowes.com. Fabric for Roman shade Esprit Outdoor in Kiwi-Calico Corners; 800/213-6366; calicocorners.com. Decorative stainless-steel film on dishwasher Instant Stainless Steel—Appliance Art, Inc., Atlanta; 404/228-6329; applianceart .com. Microwave over-the-range microwave #AMV1150VAS, range self-cleaning electric range #AER5830VAS—Amana Appliances; 800/843-0304; amana.com. Wall paint Quincy Tan, paint for cabinets, bookshelf, glass-door hutch Gray Mist, paint for brown frames Woodstock Tan, paint for light green frames Henderson Buff, paint for large green frame, bench, and chairs Medieval Times-Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. Cabinet with glass door (purchased before painting) discontinued; similar available as Hemnes glass-door cabinet, bookcase Hemnes Bookcase (purchased before painting), white bowls-IKEA, United States: 888/434-4532; Canada: 888/932-4532; ikea.com. Canisters, soap, dark rectangular basket on top shelf in cabinet, media baskets in bench, large white vase for hydrangeas—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies). Ruffled pillow, striped pillow, scalloped plate hanging in righthand frame, scrolled plates hanging in center frame, clear vase-Pier 1 Imports; 800/245-4595; pier1.com. White plate hanging in left-hand frame-T.J. Maxx; 800/285-6299; tjmaxx

.com (product line varies). Leaf-print tea towel, green bowls, green plates on table, large square basket in right-hand cabinet, oil decanter, coiled wooden bowl in left-hand cabinet— World Market; 800/267-8758; worldmarket.com. White pitcher included with the Elegant Outlooks bouquet by Better Homes and Gardens®-FTD; 800/736-3383; ftd.com. Clear plastic storage boxes in basket—Really Useful Boxes through Office Depot; 800/685-8800; officedepot.com. Rug sisal linen, blue plates in hutch, wood bowl-Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel. com (product line varies). Green mail sorter-The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore .com. Green cups on table—Vietri, Hillsborough, North Carolina; 919/245-4180; vietri.com. Large colander-Williams-Sonoma; 800/541-2233; williams-sonoma.com. Brown photo boxes-Michaels Stores, Inc.; michaels.com. Tall green glasses on shelf discontinued—Urban Outfitters; 800/282-2200; urbanoutfitters.com. Light fixture, countertops, flooring, refrigerator Whirlpool, dishwasher, wood tray holding oils, salad forks, blue pitcher, stainless-steel colanderhomeowners' collection.

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Tile—Crossville Ceramics Co., Crossville, Tennessee; 931/484-2110; crossvilleinc.com. Cabinet paint China White—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. Drawer pulls—Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie.com. Countertop from the Studio Glass collection—Avonite Surfaces; 800/354-9858; avonitesurfaces.com. Stained-glass inserts contact a local supplier. Faucet Revival in Vibrant brushed nickel—Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com.

### budget bath

Wallpaper Sophia #TX5318 in blue from the Francesca collection—York Wallcoverings; 800/375-9675; yorkwall.com. Light fixture Bel Air two-light bathroom vanity light in polished chrome #226809, pedestal sink American Standard Boulevard complete pedestal sink in white #154429, toilet AquaSource white high-efficiency WaterSense elongated single two-piece toilet kit #98923, Roman shade light-filtering shade in Snow by Allen + Roth #338265, beaded board, trim, construction adhesive, baseboard, chair rail, wallpaper glue-Lowe's; 800/445-6937; lowes.com. Medicine cabinet Dunhill 21-inch oval mirrored medicine cabinet in white #1370WH-NuTone; 888/336-3948; nutone.com. Glass shelf Preston chrome vanity shelf #DN8490CH, faucet Brantford chrome two-handle high-arc bathroom faucet #T6620, toilet paper holder Brantford chrome paper holder #YB2208CH, towel ring Brantford chrome towel ring #YB2286CH, shower curtain rod chrome curved shower rod #DN2160CH, shower curtain rings chrome shower rings #SR2100CH-Moen, Inc.; 800/289-6636; moen.com. Wall hooks His and Hers two-piece wall hook set, robes-Kohl's; 866/887-8884; kohls .com (product line varies). Wall paint Pure White #7005-The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. Monogram-SO Designs, Clive, Iowa; 515/278-1954; e-mail: sodesigns@msn.com. Reeded glass-The Stained Glass Store, Des Moines; 515/279-4855; thestainedglassstore.com. Towels Better Homes and Gardens®-Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; walmart .com. Ribbon Offray in Pewter-Tea Party Ribbons, LLC through Amazon; amazon.com. Shower curtain Carlton Spa fabric shower curtain-InterDesign through Amazon; amazon.com. Rug, soap, baskets on shelf-World Market; 800/267-8758; worldmarket.com. Trash can, basket on toilet—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com

(product line varies). **Vases**—IKEA, United States: 888/434-4532; Canada: 888/932-4532; *ikea.com*. **Makeup brushes**—Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc.; *ulta.com* for a store near you.

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#### Professionals interviewed:

Anna Forkum, Anna Forkum Design, Nashville. Katy Gannon-Janelle, allied ASID, Gannon-Janelle Interiors, Falmouth, Maine; 207/229-2832; gannonjanelle.com. Julie Holloway, Milk and Honey Home; milkandhoneyhome.com; e-mail:

info@milkandhoneyhome.com.

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Stencil for shower curtain Starfish—Oklahoma Stencil Co.; oklahomastencil.com. Sink basin Aqua Source #HWMS-1-15, faucet Delta Leland #17579, outdoor galvanized light Dark Sky #190827, nylon rope for frame #071514002804, beveled wall mirror #21300, tension rod for shower curtain #505STMV, shower curtain Premium Spa shower liner by Allen + Roth #24WWMV, floor tile Ivetta white floor tile #G1SL20—Lowe's; 800/445-6937; *lowes.com.* Rug Stockholm—Dash & Albert Rug Co., Pittsfield, Massachusetts; 800/658-5035; *dashandalbert.com.* Wall paint Rain #SW6219, trim paint Maison Blanche #SW7526—The Sherwin-Williams Co.; 800/474-3794; *sherwin-williams.com* [P].

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Clips holding bulletin boards Sparco bulldog clips—Shoplet.com; 800/757-3015; shoplet.com. Shoe cubby on desk ClosetMaid #283797, hollow core door for desktop—Lowe's; 800/445-6937; lowes.com. Two storage shelves used as desk base Trofast—IKEA, United States: 888/434-4532; Canada: 888/932-4532; ikea.com. Rug Tortola Ticking—Dash & Albert Rug Co.; 800/658-5035; dashandalbert.com. Wall paint Bee's Wax #SW7682, trim paint Maison Blanche #SW7526, desk top paint Moody Blue #SW6221, stool paint Interesting Aqua #SW6220—The Sherwin-Williams Co.: 800/474-3794; sherwin-williams.com [P]. Artwork for walls peeled fruit kitchen art prints, set of 3, 8x10-Etsy; etsy.com/shop/ finaltouchesartwork. Cork coasters for tags, patterned paper, wood shapes-Michaels Stores, Inc.: michaels.com.

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#### Cabinetry—The Shekia Group, LLC; tsgcabinets

.com. Cabinet hardware—Restoration Hardware; 800/910-9836; restorationhardware .com. Range-LG Electronics; 800/243-0000; lg.com. Refrigerator-Maytag; 800/688-9900; maytag.com. Shelving-The Container Store; 800/786-7315; containerstore.com. Dishwasher-KitchenAid: kitchenaid.com. Concrete counterscontact local suppliers. Fabric for curtains-F. Schumacher & Co; 800/523-1200; fschumacher .com [T]. Pots-Sears; 800/349-4358; sears.com. Kettle-Bona Vita; bona-vita.biz. Sink light, range hood, sink-Overstock.com; 800/843-2446; overstock.com. Faucet-Kohler Co.; 800/456-4537; us.kohler.com. Backsplash tile-The Tile Shop; tileshop.com. Green glasses at sink-Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; anthropologie .com. Entry door-Wooddoors.com, a division of Broco Supply; 877/224-4266; wooddoors.com. Dining room light fixture-Circa Lighting; 877/762-2323; circalighting.com. Dining chairs, table, white pitcher, pot rack, white dishes, knife holder, shelving-IKEA, United States: 888/434-4532; Canada: 888/932-4532; ikea.com. Knives Wusthof—Cooking.com; 800/663-8810; cooking.com. Yellow dishes, platters, runner, towels—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; target.com (product line varies).

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Cabinet hardware Cosmas through Amazon; amazon.com. Cabinetry paint White Dove, wall paint Alexandria Beige—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. Range hood paint Stainless Steel epoxy—Rustoleum; rustoleum .com. Dishwasher #WDT710PAYM—Whirlpool Corp.; 866/698-2538; whirlpool.com. Drum light over table #LS424, pendants #LS422—Ballard Designs; 800/367-2775; *ballarddesigns.com* (product line varies). Bridge faucet Lyndhurst two-handle in chrome by Glacier Bay, window treatments canvas drop cloths in natural—Home Depot USA, Inc.; *homedepot.com* (product line varies).

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Renovation contractor: Joel Sasko, Teakwood Builders, Inc., Saratoga Springs, New York; 518/587-2880; *teakwoodbuilders.com*.

Cabinetry custom, cabinet stain Cinnamon, paint for island Olive-Walzcraft Industries; 800/237-1326; walzcraft.com. Cabinet hardware Offset drawer pulls, mushroom knobs in oilrubbed bronze-Rejuvenation; 888/401-1900; rejuvenation.com. Countertops Bordeaux granite-Capital Stone of Albany, Schenectady, New York; 518/382-7588. Island countertop, faucet Rohl bridge, sink Blanco double stainless steel—Aird Dorrance, Ballston Lake, New York; 518/899-0049; airddorrance.com. Backsplash field tile Cultured Pearl Crackle gloss, accent tiles Diamonds and Gems mosaic Cultured Pearl gloss, framing tile Tiffany Dome, tile for bottom edge Gemstones—from the Facets collection through Best Tile, Schenectady, New York; 518/344-7000; besttile.com. Wall paint Mascarpone-Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; benjaminmoore.com [P]. Refrigerator #LFC23760SB-LG Electronics; 800/243-0000; lg.com. Microwave-Sharp Electronics Corp.; 800/237-4277; sharpusa.com. Cooktop Profile—GE Appliances; 800/626-2000; geappliances.com. Oven #W30100B-Jenn-Air; 800/688-1100; jennair.com. Dishwasher #SHE4AM16UC/01—Bosch; 800/944-2904; boschappliances.com. Sconces flanking sink window Bistro-Restoration Hardware;

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