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COUPLE HAPPY THEY TOOK FRIENDS' ADVICE

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When Joel and Rachelle bought their house last year, one condition applied before they put in an offer. "My wife said if we buy that house, we had to change the kitchen and not some time in the future, but right away," says Joel.

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AND SO BEGAN A RENOVATION THAT WAS under way roughly at the same time as the couple and their children moved in; into the basement that is, as the main floor was well into renovation mode.

The couple received a recommendation from close friends who had some recent renovation work done who spoke highly of Trikor Builders, so that’s who we went with,” says Joel.

Their 1300-square-foot bungalow was built in 1984 and “wasn’t going to be completely gutted,” says Joel, “rather it was to be more of a modernization” But the kitchen was definitely the first order of business and was the most labour intensive of the main floor renovations.

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Trikor Builders owner, Victor Giesbrecht says, “The wall was not load-bearing according to the engineer’s assessment so it didn’t affect the structure, but there was an issue with the ceiling heights between the kitchen and dining room.”

“We had to level off the ceiling before we brought it together. One side of the ceiling was lower than the other, probably because of a sagging of the trusses at one point. We were able to level them out from above and marry those two ceilings to make one and now you can’t even tell the difference.”

Once the wall was down, the kitchen started to take shape with the addition of new cabinets and stainless steel appliances. Joel and Rachelle chose maple cabinets from Kitchen Craft, stained in a rich Espresso finish with brushed nickel cabinet pulls styled in an Oriental motif to provide a lustrous contrast against the dark backdrop.

A peninsula, lit from above by pendant lighting, divides the kitchen proper from the dining room and serves as a natural buffet surface when the couple have company over for dinner which they enjoy doing.

The laminate countertops were chosen for their complementary brown colour as were the 12” by 12” ceramic backsplash tiles that provide a subtle multi-colour effect around the kitchen’s perimeter.

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New flooring was the next on Joel and Rachelle’s must-have home improvement list.

“We’ve always wanted hardwood, so that was part of the plan. We chose maple wood in a warm stain that offers a lot of texture and colours within its grain,” says Joel. Ceramic tiles in kitchen and bathrooms were chosen for their contrast value and cleaning ease.

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Now that Joel, Rachelle, and their children are living on their renovated main floor space, the couple took time to express their appreciation to Trikor Builders, and to Project Manager, Tim, in particular for providing such a great level of service. 🙏

THE COUPLE WROTE

We really appreciated working with your company. You were very efficient and easy to work with. Tim was a wonderful project manager and the sub-trades were all well chosen. We’ve been recommending you to everyone we know. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Joel and Rachelle