



# beating the blues



## redesign turns this kitchen from bleak to chic

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Top Before: Blue cabinetry and wall paint coupled with antiquated appliances in the homeowners' old kitchen gave them the blues.

Top After: A brand new contemporary hinged patio door saturates the kitchen with an abundance of natural light.

Left: The homeowners insisted upon modern appliances in their remodeled kitchen, such as this Wolf cooktop and Faber Perla range hood.

The homeowners of this house had the blues, in their kitchen, that is. Blue cabinetry and wall paint coupled with antiquated appliances were enough for them to request a redesign.

In addition, the homeowners yearned for a room more spacious and modern than their current cramped quarters. They chose HUB Design/Build to turn their kitchen from dated into designer. Owners Lynne Graves Stephenson, CR, CKBR, and Mark Stephenson, CR, CKBR, CLC, worked with the

homeowners to combine two rooms in order to create the kitchen of their dreams.

For their efforts on this project, HUB Design/Build won a 2008 National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) DelChester Contractor of the Year Award for Residential Interior.

### REMODELING FOR ROOM

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After



Before



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Left: HUB Design/Build was able to successfully keep the new support beams up in the existing joist system so the finished ceiling in the kitchen could be flat.

Right Top: The homeowners yearned for a room more spacious and modern than their pervious cramped quarters.

Right Above: Owners Lynne Graves Stephenson, CR, CKBR, and Mark Stephenson, CR, CKBR, CLC, of HUB Design/Build worked with the homeowners to combine two rooms to create a dream kitchen.

Bottom: A copper colored bar sink was added to the kitchen for a modern look and convenience.

“Our clients wanted to remodel their outdated kitchen and combine it with a family room that had been created many years ago from what was the original garage.”

Lynne Graves Stephenson, co-owner, HUB Design/Build



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One of the challenges that cropped up during this project was removing a wall that separated the two rooms and an enclosed servants’ stairway that led to the second floor.

“The stairway ran along the common wall between the family room and kitchen areas, so the wall and stairs had to go,” adds Lynne.

Since the walls were load-bearing, the detachment

wasn’t an easy task, but HUB was up for the challenge. In the end, the design/build team was able to successfully keep the new support beams up in the existing joist system so the finished ceiling in the kitchen could be flat.

Removing the stairs during the redesign also allowed for extra space on the second floor, which the homeowners turned into a laundry room. On the first floor, a new well-located mudroom with radiantly heated Cerdomus Tuscan Ruggine Italian tile flooring is entered through a new door unit with sidelights. A contemporary

hinged patio door saturates the kitchen with an abundance of natural light.

#### BYE-BYE BLUE!

HUB Design/Build completed both the design and construction work on the kitchen. Keeping the homeowners preferences in mind, specific textures and products were chosen for function and durability.

Warm natural cherry cabinets with Prairie mullion clear glass doors line the kitchen. The tea rose tumbled marble backsplash accented with Jeffrey Court rust liners and Julissa glass accents plays

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### resources

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up the warm colors that exist throughout the room.

“Colors were chosen to keep the area warm, bright, open and inviting,” says Lynne.

The homeowners agree the finished redesigned kitchen was everything they imagined. It's spacious, modern and convenient, and best of all, no longer blue!

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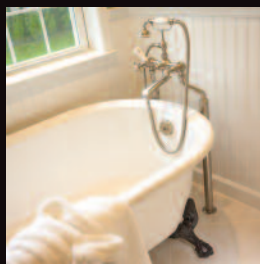
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