



CASE STUDY: 1960's Kitchen Remodel

Sometimes knocking out walls isn't necessary to achieve the perfect space you are after. Such was the case with a recent bi-level home remodeling project. The overall size of the original Kitchen was fine, but the older 1960's layout just wasn't a very efficient use of the space. Bob DeHaan discussed a few different ways to open up the space with the home owners and proposed a new cabinet and countertop layout to help correct the trouble areas. Ultimately, the client was satisfied with just updating the existing Kitchen space and making some small changes that were of great value to them. More counter top surface was added in two areas to provide more working space and additional cabinets were added over the refrigerator. A new diagonal corner cabinet was also installed. The microwave oven was placed over the range for added convenience. A double bowl sink was installed and centered under the new Kitchen window. To give the Kitchen a more modern look without giving it a high price tag, high definition "Granite" laminate counter tops were used. All that, combined with a new ceramic tile floor and a fresh color palette gave the family the

delightfully productive Kitchen they were after!

THE DETAILS:

- Improved overall cabinetry layout
- Installed new Kabinart 'Arts and Craft style' Maple Cabinets, with sage green stain
- Maple Dovetail Drawers with soft close drawer glides
- High Definition "Granite Look" Laminate Counter Tops
- "Borgo Forte" Ceramic Tile Flooring
- Updated Electrical to Code

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SUB-CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT

Country Lane Electric

Every general contractor knows how important it is to have on hand a list of professional, trustworthy sub-contractors who can be called upon to complete different phases of various projects. DeHaan Remodeling Specialists, Inc. is pleased to have Larry Goosetrey, owner of Country Lane Electric, on board to

do both residential and light commercial electrical work.

Larry has worked as an electrician since 1978, the first 14 years of which were spent at another firm. Then, 21 years ago, he says, "The owner of that business was trying to transition out and retire, and it was a good time for me to go out on my own."

With all those years of "a pretty good mix" of both new and old residential and

commercial electrical work under his belt, Larry now says, "I enjoy the remodeling because it's more challenging than new work. There is a lot of problem-solving and troubleshooting involved."

Comparatively, he says, "With new work, after a while it seems as though you've done it so many times before that you're looking for something a little more challenging and

stimulating. Remodeling fulfills that, as it brings different skills to bear - like figuring out how to run wire through enclosed spaces, or how to upgrade an existing older home so it meets the new electrical code."

On a recent light commercial job with DeHaan Remodeling Specialists, Inc., Larry

had to install a door with an electronic lock, along with moving several switches and receptacles to accommodate new walls that were to be built and some old ones that needed to be removed. And the entire job had to be completed over the course of a weekend so the facility could be back up and running on Monday morning. Working closely in conjunction DeHaan Remodeling's carpenters, Larry was involved from the

demolition phase on a late Friday afternoon through the final step that involved reenergizing the circuits.

Knowing that Larry Goosetrey can provide experienced, skilled and efficient electrical services makes Country Lane Electric an ideal sub-contractor for DeHaan Remodeling Specialists, Inc.



Branden and Jorden DeHaan with their father, DRS founder, Robert DeHaan

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