

KITCHEN & BATH DESIGN



QUAINT CORNER

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When it came time to remodel their small dark kitchen, the Wood-Ridge homeowners chose designer Ricki Makowitz of Ulrich to tackle the challenge. "Designing for small kitchens can be really satisfying," says Makowitz, "because you have to work within the footprint and still be able to achieve the objectives."

With cooking and entertaining a top priority for this family, Makowitz created a room that was "functional but pretty." By changing the size of existing windows, relocating major appliances to opposite walls and creating a bench seat tucked under a window for added seating, the kitchen gained "space" without adding an inch to the floor plan. Realizing that space was indeed a premium for the young family, Makowitz installed shallow floor-to-ceiling pantry cabinets and a custom built microwave hutch, complete with glass china cabinets – a perfect entertaining niche. Looking for comfort but a splash of glamour, the homeowner selected Madeira gold countertops and glazed ivory cabinets for the kitchen interior. Lending an air of whimsy to the kitchen is the state of the art Viking range finished in a striking mint julep green. With a few well-chosen accessories, like the petite gold chandelier and striped linen window treatments, this kitchen may be small in size but packs a powerful punch, says Makowitz. >