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Dark cabinetry, red accents, and fresh contemporary details spice up a bungalow kitchen.

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"The homeowners loved the character of their older home but have a modern, personal flair," project manager Heather Shuster says. "By having a nice anchor in the stained wood cabinets, we could contrast them with modern elements." To the left of the refrigerator is a pantry.

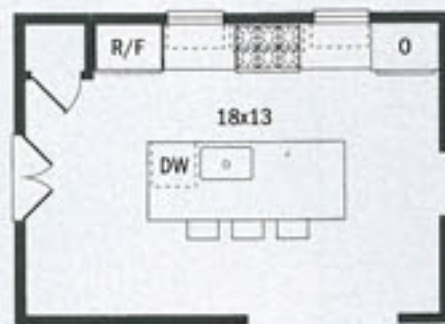


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here's no rule that says an older home must have a traditional kitchen. But fitting a modern kitchen into a Craftsman-style bungalow, like the one Ed Lee and Karyl Davis own in Atlanta, does require a deft design. That's just what Ed and Karyl got from their design team.

"We had an appreciation for the older wood that gives a house character, yet we wanted the convenience, space, and look of a newer, more modern kitchen," Karyl says. "We have dark furniture that's a mix of antique and Indonesian, but we also own some midcentury modern furniture pieces, so the kitchen remodel brought all of the elements together for us brilliantly."

Project development manager Heather Shuster and designer Aimee Leonard of Renewal Design-Build didn't keep anything from the home's existing kitchen. First, they created an open floor plan by removing two walls. Then they crafted a design with a single, function-packed wall, a multipurpose island, and French doors leading to the backyard, making the layout ideal for entertaining. "By placing the refrigerator, cooktop, and ovens along one wall, the kitchen has a great sense of balance," Shuster says, "and the venting for the cooktop is efficiently located on the exterior wall."



OPPOSITE TOP: Spherical pendant lights bring in a whimsical '60s vibe. **OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** Thick wood shelves suspended by cables from the ceiling flank the vent hood, keeping everyday items at hand. **THIS PHOTO:** A professional-grade cooktop appeals to the owners' love of cooking. "The griddle on the cooktop is our favorite part of the addition," homeowner Karyl Davis says.



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Plan for at least 15 inches of landing space next to or across from your wall ovens to safely remove hot foods.

Adding a hidden pantry allowed the team to minimize cabinetry, keeping the look more contemporary. "This meant we could have open shelving on the back wall of the kitchen that both looks great and allows for quick access to regularly used items," Shuster says.

Cabinetry is Shaker-style with an espresso finish that ties in to other areas of the house. "We wanted the cabinetry to match the original dark doors in the home and our dark furniture, as well as to contrast with the honey-color wood floors," Karyl says. The dark wood also allows the couple's collection of red Le Creuset cookware to stand out.

Other lively features continue the modern vibe. A mosaic tile backsplash brings a mixture of earthy colors to the back wall, anchored by the chunky shelves on either side of the cooktop. Light gray quartz-surfacing countertops boast a slim, square profile. Spherical pendant lights add a playful touch above the island.

The creative team appreciates how the mix of styles unites in a look that's far from cookie-cutter. "This kitchen is a story of modern meets bungalow," Shuster says. "We love it." **KBI** RESOURCES BEGIN ON PAGE 138.

OPPOSITE: Glass-front cabinets, open shelving, and clerestory windows lighten the kitchen's overall look. **ABOVE RIGHT:** A deep stainless-steel sink in the island serves all areas of the kitchen. The single-handle faucet fits in with other contemporary accents. **RIGHT:** The working side of the island holds the dishwasher and sink, as well as cabinet space for cooking items kept out of view. "We love the large island, which has a lot of work space, a good deal of storage, and provides a great spot for people to gather," Karyl says.

