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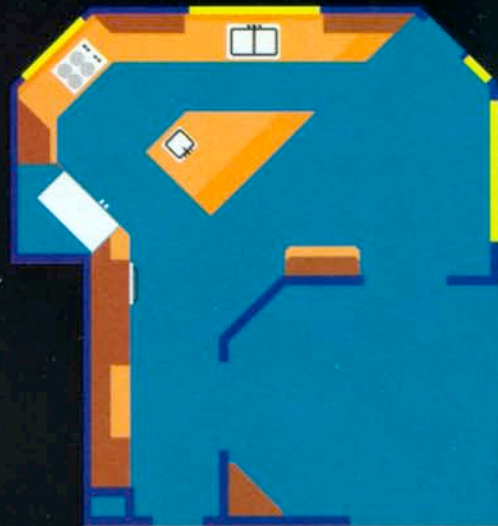
Kitchen



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A 10 by 12 foot box stuffed with appliances was no place for one avid cook, let alone five. The remodel (shown left and below) burst all barriers—room dimensions, ceiling height, floor plan and angles.

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New-Angle

■ Five-Star Kitchen

A two-cook kitchen is common enough, but this one was designed with five cooks in mind.

When the owners and their three grown-up and moved-away children get together for the holidays, they all like to gather in the kitchen to visit, talk and cook. That was impossible in the old days, when the kitchen was a 10 by 12 foot builders' special at the rear of this 20-year-old split-foyer house in Alexandria, Va.

Creating a kitchen with plenty of counter space was a top priority for the owners, who also yearned for a room with soaring ceilings and lots of natural light. In sum, says designer Lois Kennedy of Vienna, Va., "They knew exactly what they wanted—and they were willing to add on as much space as needed to get it. So we designed the kitchen first and then designed the addition around it."

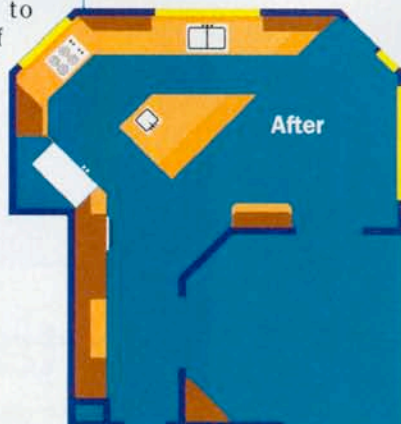
Kennedy says the bountiful use of angles flowed naturally from the homeowners' wish list: "The angles create plenty of different places for people to work, and plenty of counter-top space. They also allowed us to keep the primary work triangle compact and handy for when it's just the

two of them using the kitchen." The sweeping, angular ceilings provide space for large windows that let in plenty of light.

Kennedy created more angles by pulling the base cabinets 6 inches away from the wall and designing a stepped, granite-topped backsplash to fill the void. The original kitchen, meanwhile, is reused for pantry, hallway and desk space.

Location: Alexandria, Va.
Size: 100 square feet before, 325 square feet after

Contractor: Everett Post, Dominion Builders of Virginia, Alexandria
Designer: Lois Kennedy, Kitchen Design Consultants, Vienna, Va.
Architectural Designer: Michael Nawrocki, Alexandria



A soaring, multi-angled ceiling adds visual drama to this Virginia kitchen—as does the series of steps in the granite countertop and backsplash.

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■ Four kitchens capture extra space, soak in views and function beautifully. The secret? Newfangled angles.



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