

# COTY MINNESOTA – 2023 COTY AWARDS

**PROJECT:** FAMILY HUB

**CATEGORY:** RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN \$50,000 – \$100,000



The initial request for this project was to update the dated 1970s kitchen in this split-level home. The primary ask of the homeowners was to open the enclosed kitchen space to incorporate the dining area and create more storage, prep, and cooking space. This busy family of 6 wanted an open space where they could congregate for casual as well as family meals, do homework, crafts and gather. During the preliminary design phase, the main objective became removing the two walls which enclosed the kitchen from the dining and living areas to create one large space. The addition of an island with seating for all four of the kids, and maximizing storage were also at the top of the request list. The homeowner also requested the incorporation of the existing dining table (a family heirloom) for family dining. The result is everything the homeowners envisioned and more. The entire family can now congregate in their beautiful functional space, whether they are dining, cooking, crafting, or conversing.

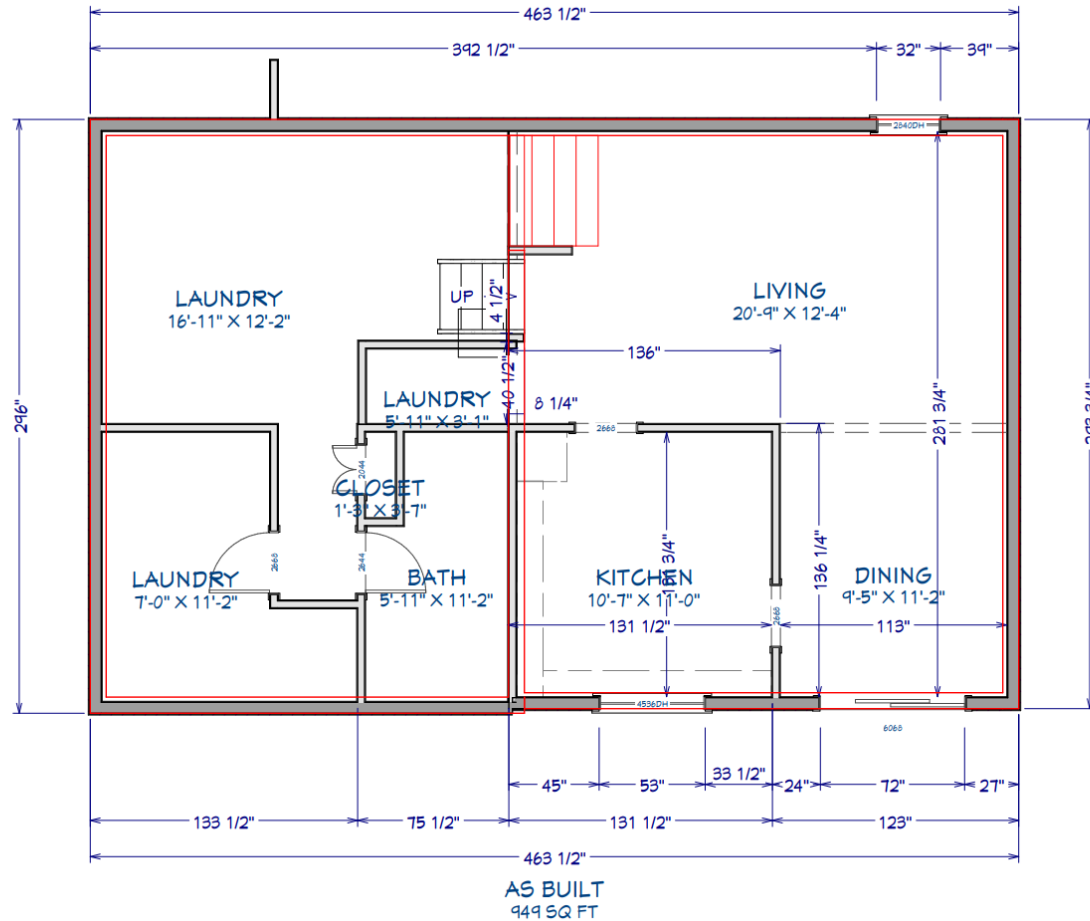
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## BEFORE (AS BUILT PLAN)



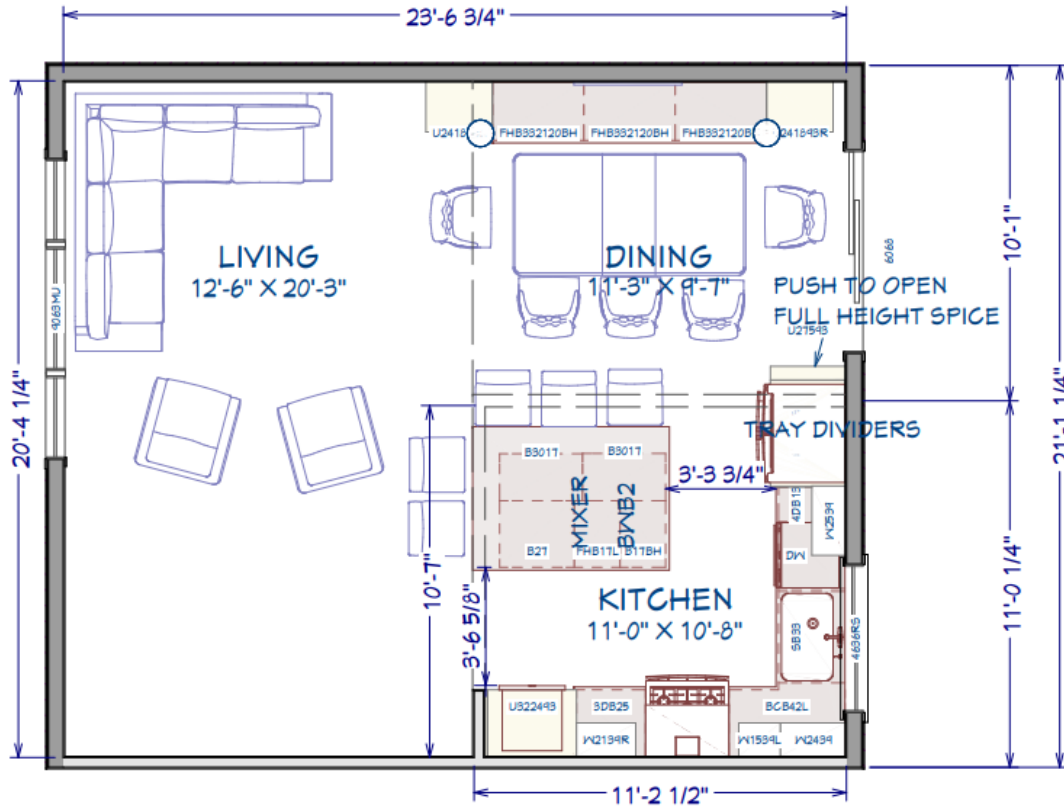
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## AFTER PROPOSED PLAN & 3D DRAWINGS



PROPOSED  
517 SQ FT



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## E1 - STOVE



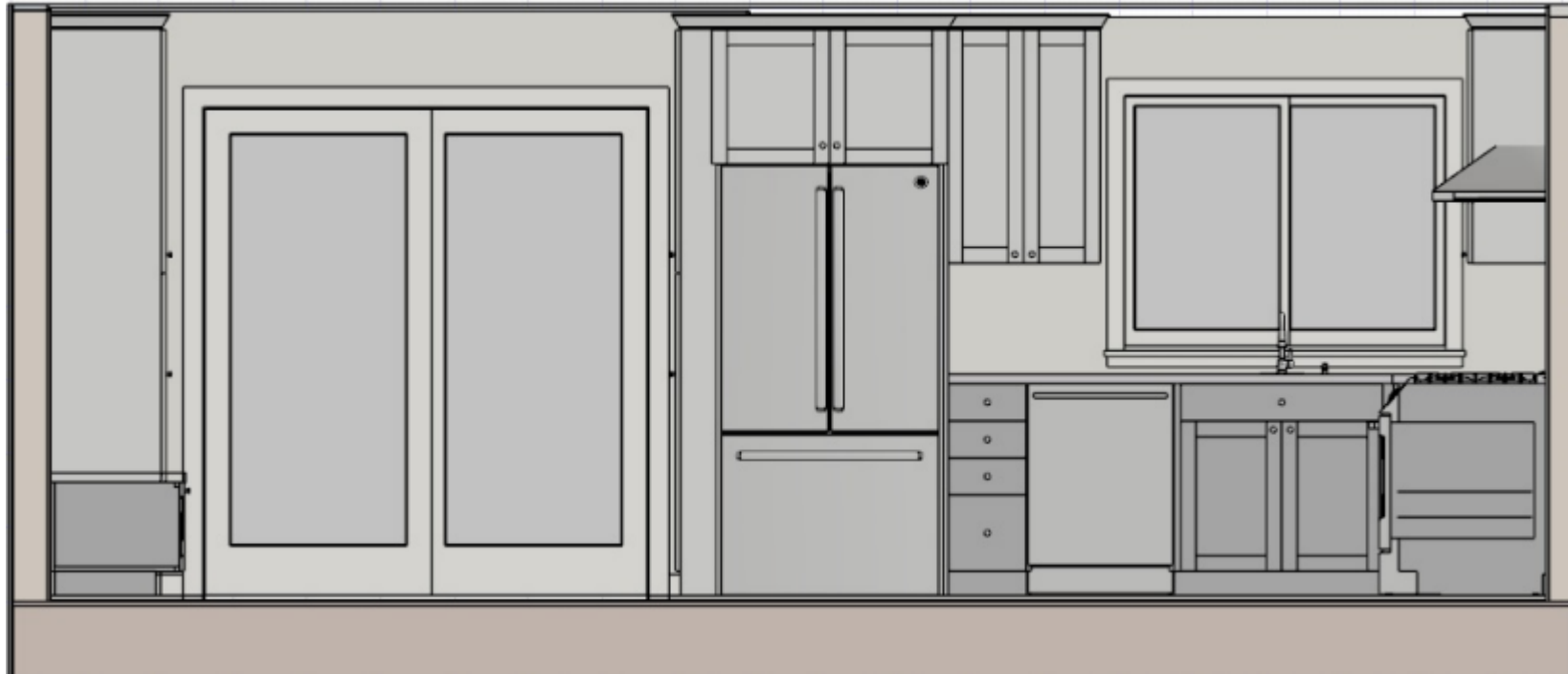
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## E2 – SOUTH SINK



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## E3 – EAST TABLE

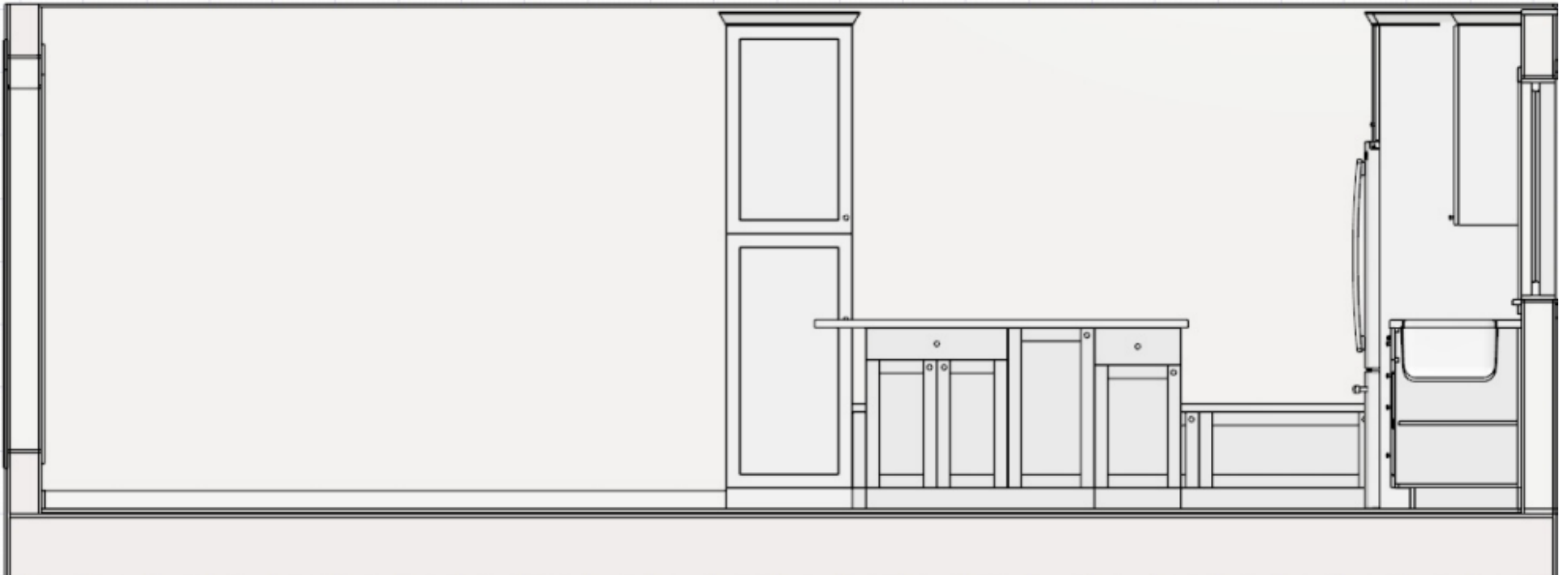


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## E4 – ISLAND FRONT



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## E5 – ISLAND BACK



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## BEFORE/AFTER



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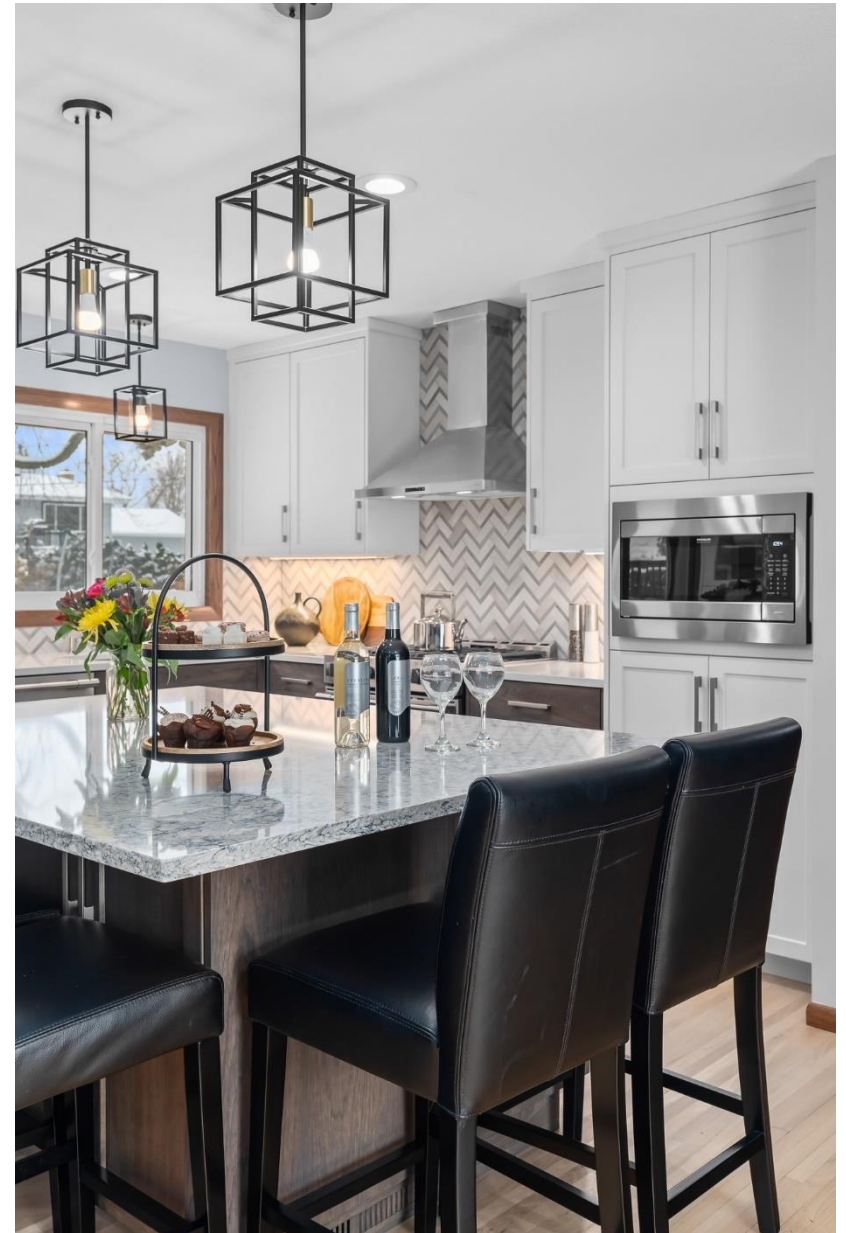


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## **Innovative Solutions/Craftsmanship**

- Hidden Mixer Lift
- Custom Stained/Painted Cabinetry
- Concealed Trash & Recycling Bins
- Floor to Ceiling Spice Cabinet
- Artistic Tile Design



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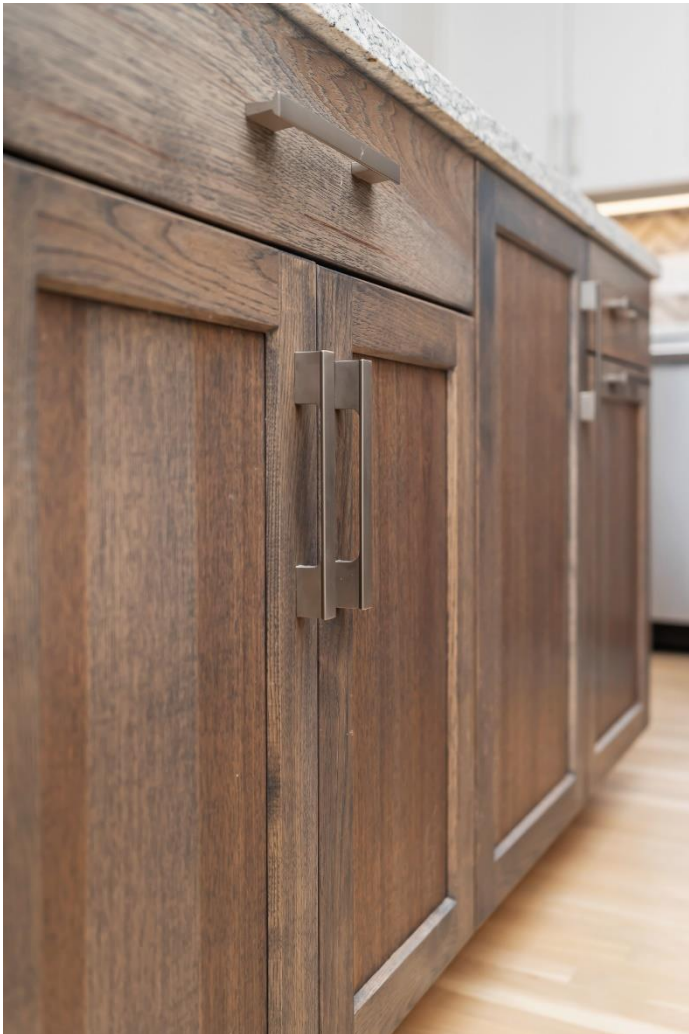
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## AESTHETICS



The use of a flat panel door style, herringbone backsplash tile, and a combination of painted and stained cabinets incorporates a transitional style to combine both the traditional and modern preferences of both the husband and wife while offering visual interest. The addition of the large island and the use of a floor to ceiling spice cabinet, mixer lift, and built in bench seat, completely maximizes available storage space. Quartz countertops offer durability for this hardworking, multi-function space. The existing tile floor in the kitchen was replaced with wood to match the existing hardwood in the dining and living spaces. Refinishing the entire floor with a custom stain, creates a cohesive look throughout. The entire family can now congregate in their beautiful functional space, whether they are dining, cooking, crafting, or conversing.



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## PROJECT CHALLENGES



One major challenge was determining whether one of the walls was load bearing. With the help of a structural engineer, the plan was determined to replace the load bearing wall with an LVL beam in the ceiling cavity. Also, on top of the challenge list was having to work around the recently replaced, existing window and patio door, seating for all 4 kids at the island, and the melding of the two varying style preferences of the husband and wife.



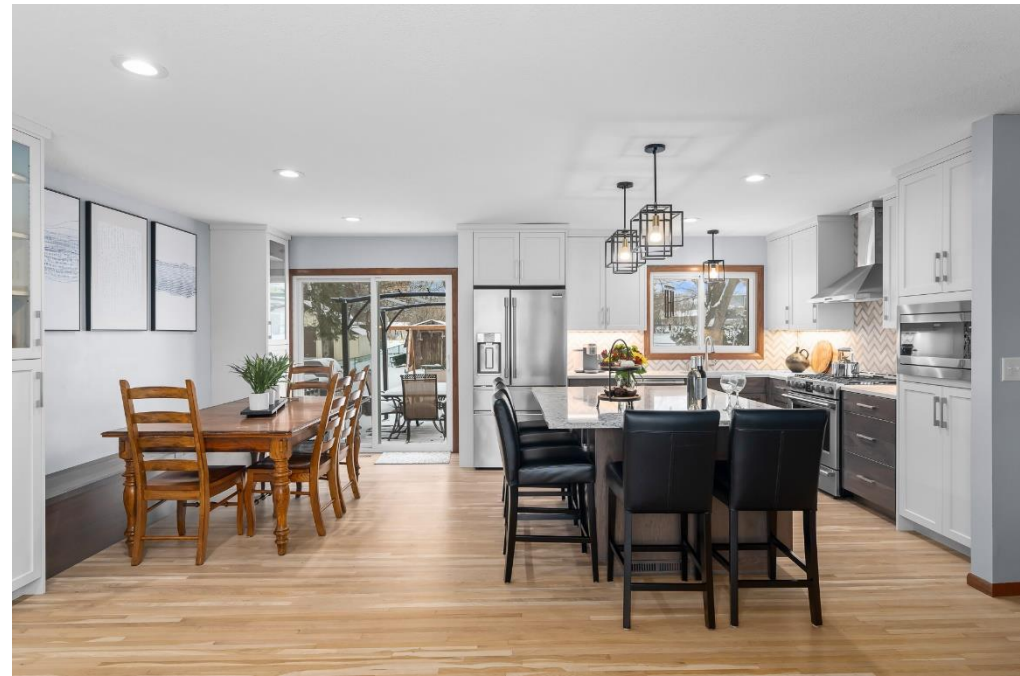
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After replacing the load bearing wall with an LVL beam hidden in the ceiling, we incorporated a large island with seating on two sides to accommodate all four kids at the island. The tight footprint did not allow for traditional seating around the table and the island without creating a bottle neck. A built-in storage bench was incorporated into the dining area and offered the opportunity to gain the necessary walking space between the dining chairs and island seating. Additional game/craft supply storage as well as display areas were also incorporated on either side of the bench to maximize usable storage space.



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