



Kitchen \$100,000–\$150,000

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## Chaska Kitchen

The homeowners of this Chaska rambler wanted a refresh for their beautiful home that overlooks the river valley. With the home being fairly traditional, they wanted the updates to be clean and transitional without investing in all new millwork. The new kitchen features two custom wood finishes to give them a more modern feel while still blending with the original woodwork. Because the client is a cook, the function of the kitchen was important.

### Client Goals:

- New high-end appliances
- Coffee / wine bar with sink
- Wider walkways
- Modern appearance
- Clean lines
- Flow with existing cabinetry and millwork

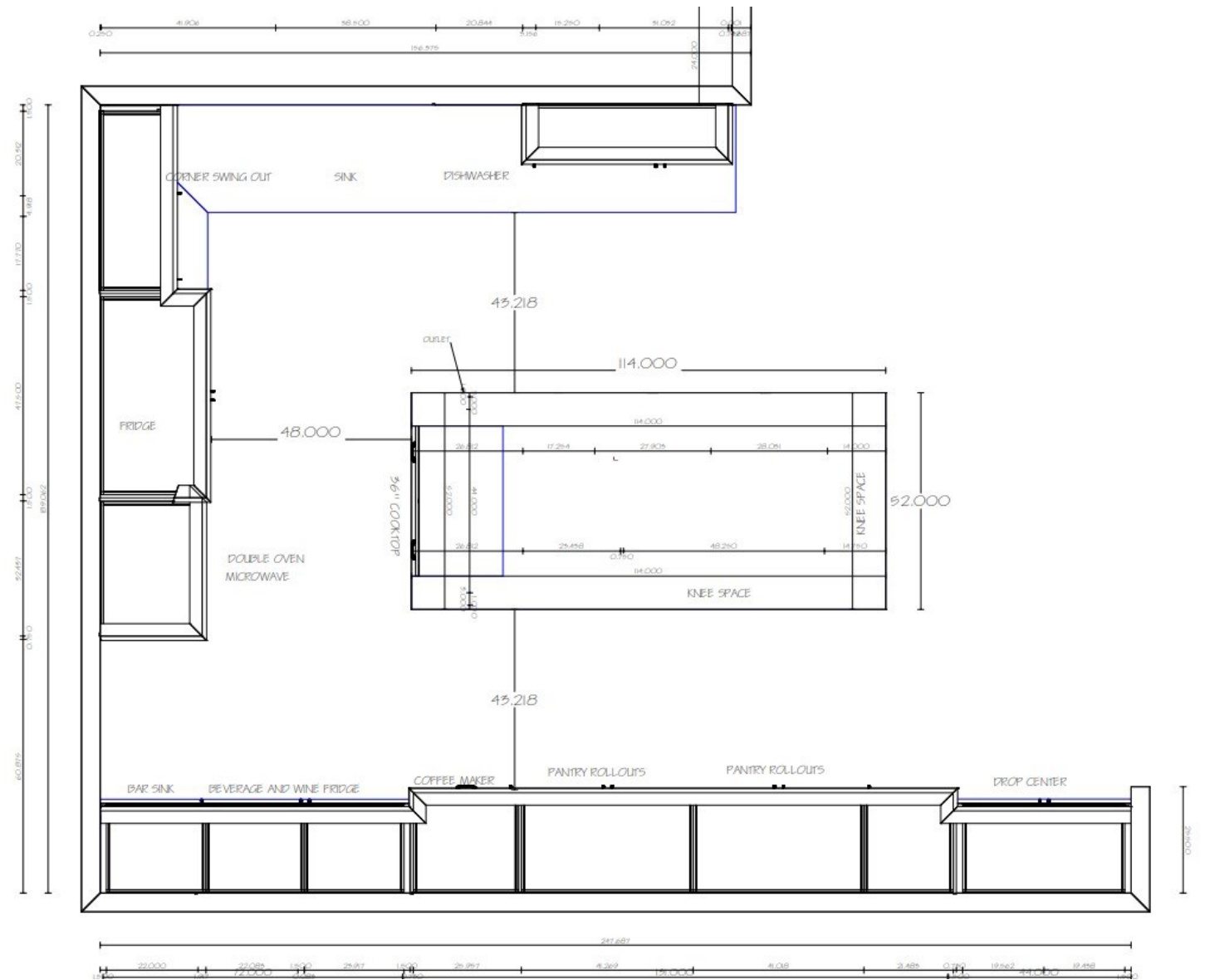
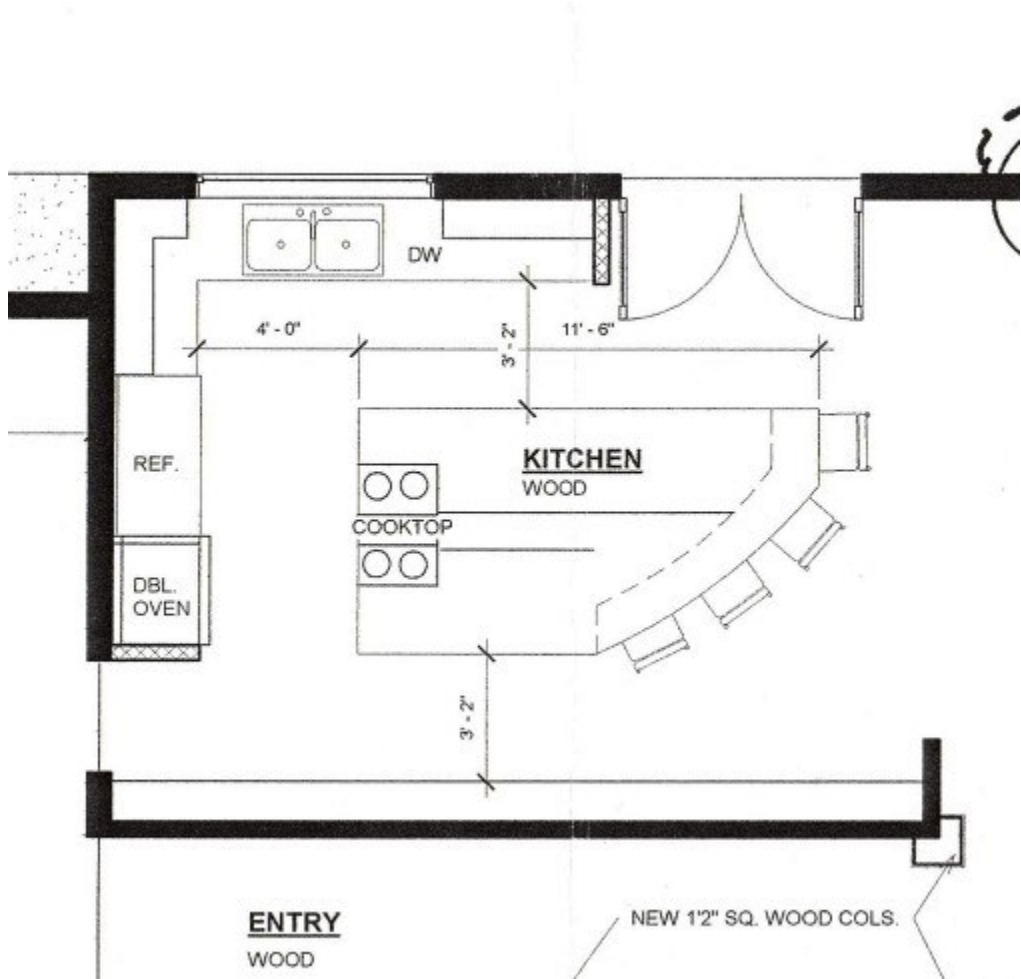
The homeowners were happy with the kitchen's existing layout other than the bar area. They wanted it to be larger and feature a sink. We moved the coffee maker from near the refrigerator over to the coffee/wine bar. This is much more functional for them as well as for entertaining. Their one request was to make the walkways a little wider for better flow. It took a few inches from the island but was well worth the trade off.

The main focus was the design of the custom cabinetry and the selection of the countertop. With help from the homeowners' interior designer two beautiful stain colors were created that were modern but still coordinated with the other walnut doors and maple cabinets throughout the home. Strong veined quartz countertops and full height backsplash also modernize the space.



# BEFORE & AFTER FLOOR PLANS

Because there were no major changes in the space the after floor plan was done by the custom cabinet maker. There were no changes to the existing structure.





The homeowners disliked all of the glass doors at the top of the cabinetry as well as the old style wine rack. The new design is clean, visually more appealing with more functional storage. The island was re-designed to be one-level. The homeowners existing chairs were fairly new and wanted to re-use them, we were able to cut the legs down to the perfect height. The pantry wall features a taller height standing counter area for their mail, junk drawer, charging station, etc. The lift up doors above the standing desk area give the kitchen a modern look.



This view shows how the range-top stayed in the same location, the homeowner loved that he could see and talk to friends/family at the island while he was cooking.

Taking the place of the old downdraft system is a custom stainless hood that features a wolf ceiling vent with the motor/blower installed in the attic, as well as a few puck lights for better task lighting.



The walk-way between the sink and island is now wider for better flow. The homeowner liked the existing refrigerator and oven locations so this area was updated with new high-end appliances. The new top wall oven features a microwave which eliminated it from the island. Also note the built-in coffee maker was relocated over by the new coffee/wine bar.

# Coffee / Wine Bar

The coffee/wine bar area was very important to the homeowners. They required a sink, undercounter refrigeration, as well as a built-in coffee maker. The refrigeration and the sink had to be specially selected because there was not a full 24" depth space before the doorway to the dining room.

The space is accented with a lighter wood tone as well as puck lights and under cabinet lighting. The cabinet doors open normally with hinges on the sides but the glass and the hardware placement give the illusion that they lift open which coordinates with the standing desk at the other end of the pantry wall. The kitchen now feels balanced and clean. No more visual clutter.

The homeowners are extremely happy with how everything came together and enjoy entertaining in their new kitchen!

