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BUYING A HOME FOR THE first time can be an intimidating process. Ken Perrin, owner of Artistic Renovations of Ohio, walked through this colonial with the buyers to show them how the kitchen could be renovated, which made them feel secure enough to purchase the home. That's a service he often offers clients who are looking for advice on renovations for potential new home purchases.

Once in the home, the couple wanted to change the flow and layout of the kitchen, which appeared to be small and cramped. Perrin began by opening up the area between the kitchen and the living room and the kitchen dinette, as well as adding a microlam beam to ensure the structural

integrity of the second floor. "Their goal was to make it more open and be able to have a dining room table as part of the kitchen as an eat-in kitchen versus a formal dining room," Perrin says.

The next steps included moving the kitchen sink to the corner where there was more headspace and creating an island peninsula with a seating area.

One of the bigger challenges on this renovation was a leak that initially appeared to come from a window, but, upon further inspection, began in an upstairs bathroom. That required the ceiling to be stripped and repaired.

For this starter home, value, quality and style were all important, so the homeowners

chose Norcraft cabinets, which are made in the U.S., paired with granite countertops and a durable composite sink with a Moen faucet. The couple kept the existing wood-engineered floor, which was in great shape, and Perrin added crown molding and recessed can LED lighting on dimmers. New KitchenAid appliances rounded out the renovation.

Storage was also a concern for the owners, and Perrin matched design with functionality by adding rollouts to transform a closet space around the corner from the kitchen into a pantry. "With things like that, we try to look at their whole lifestyle and how they're going to operate, and try to make it fit them," says Perrin.

In another spot there was a little unused space next to the refrigerator, and Perrin installed a 6-inch pullout where the couple could store canned goods, spices and oils. When space is at a premium, every little bit counts, he says.

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