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SLEEK, MODERN AND STUNNING

— the aesthetic of this Pepper Pike kitchen/dining renovation is a 180 from how the space looked when the family purchased the home. From the beginning, they knew they needed to reconfigure and remodel the space, says Ken Perrin, president of Artistic Renovations of Ohio.

“Even after living in it for a while, they decided it was still unlivable and wanted to find a better way to configure a 26-foot by 32-foot room and the small 10-foot kitchen,” Perrin says, “noting that before, the homeowner’s sophisticated glass dining room table “looked like it was in an ocean.”

The large, empty space needed a functionality makeover, not to mention fresh finishes.

To accomplish this, Artistic Renovations of Ohio opened up the space between the kitchen and adjacent room. This now exposes views to the backyard and a focal point fountain the owner recently installed and wanted to showcase. “He wanted to stand at the kitchen island and look at the fountain he put in by the patio,” Perrin explains. “We begin with the client’s vision and take them on a journey to figure out what works for them and what doesn’t,” he adds.

However, Perrin and team realized that the wall that needed to come down was holding up the second floor. It was removed, and a flush support beam was engineered to ensure the structural integrity of the home. Now, the kitchen could be expanded by borrowing space from the formerly unusable large space next to it. Specifically, the kitchen doubled in size, gaining another 10 feet.

As for cabinets, they selected a flat slab door with a high-gloss finish. “They wanted that reflectiveness you get from high gloss that gives you a real elegant



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look,” Perrin says.

The cabinet finish on perimeter cabinets is a white base coat with a gray wash and lacquered topcoat. The island juxtaposes this with a gray base and pewter wash. The result is a sleek surface that has movement and texture because of the subtle graining the wash delivers.

The floors are a distressed gray engineered hardwood. “It has a real hard-coat finish but uses less material, and is actually more stable and stronger than hardwood,” Perrin points out, noting the range of new floor-

ing product on the market today.

Walls were painted in light gray for a neutral yet modern appeal. Eye-catching light fixtures punctuate the dining area and island. The half-bath also got an overhaul that includes a floating cabinet and custom trough-style top and sink, which features natural pebbles.

Perrin says the most rewarding part of this, and any remodeling project, is the transformation that takes place during the process. “When you’re done, you can’t believe it’s the same house,” he says, adding that NARI Remodeled Homes Tour guests can experience that first-hand when they view the before pictures while standing in the finished spaces.

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