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Farmhouse Appeal

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THE L-SHAPED KITCHEN in this 12-year-old Olmsted Township colonial no longer functioned for a family of five with growing children. The owners wanted to stay in their neighborhood, where the kids have friends. So, rather than pitching a for-sale sign, they took on a kitchen and first-floor renovation that carved more room for cooking, entertaining, laundry and family gatherings.

Remodel Me Today added a 12-foot by 20-foot addition to the back of the home, blowing out the back to recreate an eat-in kitchen with a generous island that seats five and houses a sink, dishwasher and microwave.

"The overall look is rustic cottage, and we applied some reclaimed barn siding on the walls," says Brian Pauley, owner of Remodel Me Today.

The existing kitchen was short on storage and had a tight eat-in area forced up against a sliding door to the backyard. The space lacked any extra elbow-room — let alone places to prepare meals and eat as a family. The addition, which involved installing four, large double-hung windows and a custom 8-foot sliding glass door, allowed the square footage to build out a functional space for the family.

By removing a wall between the kitchen and existing laundry room, the overall aesthetic was carried into this space, which was renovated into a practical mudroom with lockers and laundry.

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PROJECT FOCUS:

Addition, Kitchen,
 Family Room and
 Laundry Room



It includes barn-wood siding and a bench.

In the kitchen, the owners opted for whites, grays and blacks with bronze hardware. White cabinets on the perimeter are contrasted by charcoal quartz countertops and white subway tile. They chose a white cast-iron farmhouse sink. The island is a focal point with its ebony-stained cabinetry and a light marble countertop. Details like cup-pulls on drawers, crackle finish on the subway tile and furniture treatments on the island deliver a truly custom, cottage-

farmhouse look.

Ceramic tile in the kitchen was replaced with walnut hardwood that extends throughout the first floor and complements the existing family room hardwood for a seamless look, Pauley says.

No kitchen project goes without a few hiccups. In this case, the cabinets first arrived with the wrong door profile and had to be swapped out. But this error was easily amended and, overall, the project went smoothly. Pauley says the kitchen has two-and-a-half times more storage now, and the cohesive look of the new finishes naturally flow throughout the home. "The design marries together," he says.

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