



White Magic

FIRST PLACE:
SMALL KITCHEN
(Less than 35 square feet of countertop)

DESIGNER:
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Minneapolis

Every homeowner deserves a kitchen that prompts a smile. But with multiple doorways, minimal lighting, and outdated cabinetry, this Minneapolis kitchen mostly evoked traffic headaches. On the plus side, it was roomy and included an informal eating area. Several minor yet effective changes allowed Susan Palmquist to conquer the homeowner's lengthy wish list. By eliminating a doorway and relocating a broom closet, she increased kitchen space and streamlined movement through the room. Modifying the archway to the dinette added character, while further defining the eating area. Enlarging the dinette window brought more natural light into the room, which now features the same gleaming hardwood floors seen throughout the first level. Beaded inset cabinets inspired by the dining room's original built-ins and a classic subway tile backsplash reflect the home's existing charm and make the dramatic green granite counters really pop. The white-on-white color scheme also provides a clean visual canvas for the owner, a budding artist and designer. Red appliances and accents give her kitchen its bold strokes. Says the homeowner with a smile, "I love my new kitchen!"



BEST OVERALL MAKEOVERS

The editors of *Midwest Home* magazine awarded the **BEST KITCHEN AND BATH** makeovers.

The decision was based on the designer's written design statement, solution to the client's criteria, successful execution, aesthetic value of the space, and most dramatic before and after.

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Can't you just see yourself enjoying a cup of tea in this cheery Minneapolis kitchen? We could. Designer Susan Palmquist added more than bright white cabinets, subway tiles, and green granite counters. She improved the room's flow and added new windows in the dinette cove to center the table and flood it with natural light. Compared with the dingy, disorganized room it replaced, this remodeled kitchen is truly transformed.

BEFORE

