

# Meghan Carter's BESPOKE kitchen

## the project

This kitchen renovation faced some of the most common design challenges we see when working with homeowners to create an inspiring and functional nerve centre for their home.

### my first challenge

Do we open up the kitchen to the dining room?

### my solution

While it is popular to open up a kitchen to a dining room, one of the challenges with an open concept kitchen is that there is no way to hide the mess and clutter that often happens in a kitchen. For this reason, the homeowner decided to maintain a separate formal dining area for entertaining.

### my second challenge

Incorporating a casual and space-conscious family eating area in a narrow kitchen.

### my solution

The homeowners wanted an area for casual day-to-day dining. However, if you are going to have both a formal dining room and a casual eating area, make sure they are not right next to each other. If they are, come up with a seating style for the casual area that is different from the dining room. In this case, we went with a peninsula that wraps around the outside corner of the dining room wall. It's the perfect spot for this family of three to connect over a meal amidst their very busy schedules.

### my third challenge

Building a beautiful and timeless kitchen on a small budget.

### my solution

The budget for this project was very tight, so custom cabinetry was not an option. Instead, we laid out the kitchen plan with *IKEA* cabinet frames but designed custom doors, floating shelves, the peninsula table base and a wine rack to get a custom look without the price tag.



Before



“I believe that all areas of a person’s home should tell a story.”

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