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# Transforming Dreams into Reality

The owners of this two-storey house knew they wanted more out of their first floor living space. At first they had considered moving to a new home, but it proved difficult to find a yard as large as the one they already had. The children's bedrooms upstairs were also larger than what they could find in most homes in the same price range. "We liked the rest of the house the way it was," say the homeowners.

After some consideration, renovation appeared to be the best option. The owners then turned to Charisma Interior Design and All Canadian Renovations (ACR) to transform their dream into reality.

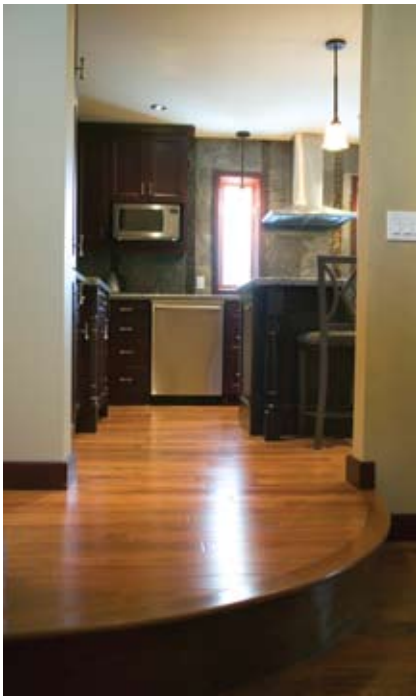
Creating a more functional kitchen was a top priority. ACR gutted the kitchen and moved a wall three feet into the dining room to add more space. An arched opening with granite countertop now joins the two rooms.

When enlarging the kitchen, All Canadian had to move not only the wall, but also the electrical wiring and heating ducts. The renovator also replaced the kitchen window with two new windows to frame the cooktop. Cherry cabinets, a granite-topped island and a slate backsplash with chiclet detail complete the contemporary kitchen the homeowners wanted.

"Unlike many of the other builders we approached, All Canadian Renovations had the confidence that they could tackle a job this big," they point out.

After all, the renovations did not stop at the kitchen. The homeowners wanted to extend their home into the space occupied by a deck that they never used. At one end of the kitchen, ACR opened the exterior wall and added a sunroom with a heated tile floor and rakehead windows.





"We matched all the casings and baseboards with the cherry cabinets in the kitchen," adds Tony Teunis, a principal at All Canadian Renovations.

In fact, the renovator replaced all the windows in the house with triple pane low-E argon filled units. ACR also installed an electric fireplace in the living room and completely renovated the bathroom and the entranceway.

"There's not too much on the main floor we didn't touch," says Teunis.

Throughout the entire first level, they also installed potlights in the resurfaced ceilings and Brazilian cherry hardwood on the floor. The curved transition between the kitchen



hallway and the dining room even required a custom-made nosing.

"We worked together with All Canadian Renovations and Charisma Design to come up with solutions as challenges came up," note the homeowners. "There was usually someone there to answer our questions."

Besides the interior renovations, All Canadian Renovations also took care of installing a new roof and applying stucco to the addition so it

would blend seamlessly with the rest of the house. The result is a 'new home' within an existing one.

By renovating their existing space, the owners were able to keep what they loved best about their house and change what they didn't like, transforming the main floor into a living space that meets their taste and needs. Now, after a few months of renovations, they can enjoy the results of this amazing transformation!