



# BREATHING ROOM

Big looks for small kitchen

**IT'S NOT AS THOUGH** you had to turn sideways to squeeze through the 30-inch dining area and hall doorways to get to this Coronado bungalow's kitchen. It's just that when designer Dawn Harrison drew a plan that took out 4 feet of wall next to each kitchen entrance, the new configuration made the spaces look airy and refreshing — like there was room to breathe.

Installing glacier-white subway tiles and cabinets, along with running engineered hickory flooring contiguously from the hall to the kitchen and into the dining area, also gave the small kitchen the illusion of being expansive.

Although it now looks larger, the remodeled kitchen didn't gain any actual footage. In fact, its small size couldn't accommodate a refrigerator without losing valuable counter space. The hallway became the solution for maximizing space. It not only serves as a convenient home for the refrigerator, it does double duty as a pantry.

The modest kitchen still has its humble heart, but now it's more functional, welcoming and family friendly. ♦



Dawn Harrison's renovation design centered on widening doorways leading to this Coronado kitchen. For homeowners with two active teenage boys, durable granite was an excellent countertop choice. The dark *Blackforest Leather* color contrasts nicely with the white backsplash and cabinetry.

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