



THE DETAILS

Design: Barbara Steel of Place Id and Paul Denys of Denys Builds Designs

Contractor: Paul Denys of Denys Builds Designs

Appliances: Dishwasher, refrigerator, oven all by Miele

Cabinetry: Bookmatched black walnut by John and Mike McKinlay-Key of The Woodturner Inc.

Cooktop: Induction, Miele

Counters: Alpinus granite, The Granite Shop
Faucet: Satin Nickel, Kindred KFPOS150 tap set from Mondeau Bathroom & Kitchen

Flooring: Barwood Flooring

Glass doors: Black walnut custom frame by The Woodturner; stained glass by SGO Designer Glass

Hood: Europa series from Zephyr

Sink: Kindred KCS33/10-10A sink, from Mondeau Bathroom & Kitchen

Solar tubes: Solatube, from Cardy Vacuum

Windows: "Designer Series" by Pella

GLASS ACT

A sunny redesign is anchored by a charming pantry that succeeds in being both artful and functional

When Paul Denys was called in to consult on this project, he was met with a somewhat tired kitchen that hailed from the 1980s. Housed in an addition to a 100-year-old home, the room had been closed off from the rest of the house before walls were removed in the 1990s to open up the space. But even as part of the main house, the kitchen, which had just one 2-by-3-foot window over the sink, seemed dreary. The owner of Denys Builds Designs immediately set about designing a brighter space, penciling in an expansive bank of windows along the kitchen's one wall and proposing a pantry that would emit light throughout the day courtesy of innovative Solatube lights. In this modest space, the pantry is ingeniously designed, with synchronized sliding pocket doors (slide one, and the other automatically glides open at the same time) and row upon row of shelving. Those stained-glass doors act as an art piece while, at the same time, concealing any clutter and allowing light to flow through to the main room. Another efficient element is the recessed shelf housed in the bank of cabinets beside the island. Not only does it boast electrical outlets, but the white shelf slides out to allow the owners to work in the open. The rich bookmatched black walnut cabinetry was paired with granite counters, the dynamic pattern chosen by the homeowner, a geologist by training. It all makes for a kitchen that radiates both warmth and whimsy.

