

# Kitchen case study



It was only a relatively small renovation of a kitchen, but, in terms of how it affected the living space, it was really important.

This kitchen in a St. George's home was stuck in a small area, and, according to Architect Claudia Richardson of Botelho Wood Architects, the homeowner wanted a new kitchen and had originally only considered, and received quotes for, simply replacing the cabinets and maintaining the same layout.

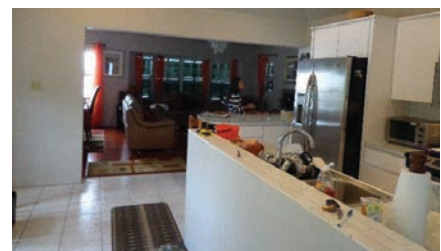
"We came in, had a look at the kitchen in the context of the whole house and the family's lifestyle, as the client cooks and entertains a lot, and asked 'are you really happy with the lay

out?'" says Richardson.

"That is when we went to work in designing a kitchen that was more functional with an abundance of storage.

"We asked the client to consider: You are spending money for new cabinets and a year from now, will you be standing there and saying 'I'm happy' or 'it's the same thing, and it has not improved.' At that point, our client said she wanted something that was an improvement."

It was decided to take down some walls and have the kitchen utilise a larger space, which originally also encompassed an entry. A buffet area with more cabinets was created to make



it more conducive for large gatherings.

The plumbing had to be moved, as did a spiral staircase leading downstairs. The kitchen became the focal point of the house.

"The new kitchen layout has dramatically changed the entry to the home," adds Richardson. "It now flows better, is brighter, and is very welcoming."