Kitchen - $42,000 to $85,000

When the project began, the homeowners had a small, poorly laid out kitchen that was unusable. Their goal was to get their kitchen more open, and more effective.

First on the agenda was to incorporate the pantry into the kitchen itself rather than down the hall near their garage. By moving the pantry, it would make finding what you needed to cook dinner more efficient. This new pantry cabinet was moved to where the refrigerator was placed—the refrigerator swapping locations with the range in this new kitchen reconfiguration.

The new pantry and the cabinet above it were bumped out and built to be flush with the front of the refrigerator itself. This way the cabinets were easily accessible and useable, but also helped make the refrigerator seem like it was not out of place in its new position. During this process, we discovered a slab leak that threatened to delay the timeline of the job. Fortunately, we were able to find and fix the leak quickly and the job remained on track.

Next on their kitchen to-do list, they wanted to add a kitchen island to be a more open and centralized gathering point in the home with seating. Wanting to add an island to this kitchen proved difficult when trying to cut the channeling for the electrical wiring through the concrete slab underneath.

 Careful thought was put into the placement of the kitchen island. We wanted the island to be close enough to the newly placed fridge and pantry for easy grocery unloading but not too close to make the walkway uncomfortably tight. This island's location was also ideal for food preparation, and to make it even more useful, the microwave was incorporated into the island itself.

To finish up, all the kitchen lighting was updated, and the backsplash design above the range was chosen to specifically tie into the pattern of the fireplace in the living room next to the kitchen. We also were able to blend the wood flooring back to the living room flooring to be a seamless transition from one room to the other.