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FOUR KITCHENS OPEN UP FOR EASY NAVIGATION

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KITCHEN ONE:

American Retrospective

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TATIANA MACHADO-ROSAS' clients probably would have been the perfect candidates for a Norman Rockwell painting. This retired couple's top priority in their kitchen remodel was to create a space that would better accommodate family time with their children and grandchildren.

"The original kitchen was dark and outdated," Tatiana says. "The layout was awkwardly separated from the family room and breakfast nook, both structurally and visually. Plus, the peninsulas and walls on either side of the kitchen created a series of choppy spaces that were difficult to navigate."

The redo features only two walls, providing an open layout and a better connection with the rest of the house. New windows fill the room with light, while varying shades of white — on the walls, backsplash, countertops and island — enhance the overall feeling of bright cheer.

"My clients have a shared appreciation for early American art and collectibles," Tatiana says, "so the new kitchen honors that traditional design. The view-point of the design starts with the original brick wall and oak cabinetry, which my clients wanted to keep intact."

New cabinetry added to the room was meticulously matched to the original to ensure visual harmony, but it took significant research and planning to find an oven that would fit into the existing brick wall. The backsplash had to be custom cut and placed slightly higher than the original to work in the space.

The new kitchen layout inspires family cooking projects



and makes daily chores such as dishwashing and cleanup less of a task.

Classic fixtures and furnishings, a maple island painted white to match the wood in the

ceiling and window/door frames, oak cabinetry and flooring and the homeowners' collection of blue-and-white ceramics add up to a kitchen with American spirit in a traditional design.

Top: A PentalQuartz countertop provides a complementary backdrop for the homeowners' collectibles.

Bottom: The new layout integrates the kitchen with the family room.