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# TRENDY TRANSFORMATIONS

A lot of life happens in the kitchen – making it the most used and hardest-working room in the house. It’s where your amazing culinary skills are put on display and where friends and families gather, so having one that is comfortable, functional and stylish is like a breath of fresh air. Here, we feature four kitchens and their transformations from dated to dazzling!

## OPEN UP

**HOMEOWNERS:** JAMIE AND CHRIS FRALA, FAYETTEVILLE

“From the first time we looked at this house, we knew we wanted to open up the living room, breakfast nook, dining room and kitchen space. We wanted a practical, yet comfortable, space that would allow us to all be together. As a homeschooling family of five, we spend a lot of time here and a lot of time preparing, serving and cleaning up snacks and meals. We also love having our friends and family over – but when just another family our size would come for dinner, we needed to cook for and seat 10...and a ‘small’ birthday party could

easily be 50 people. It’s no fun to be stuck in the kitchen alone, but having everyone shoved in the kitchen watching us cook was awkward too.

When Aubrey [Pate, designer] proposed the “T” design of the sink and bar, the rest of the design started to fall into place. The tile floor was important to us because we wanted something that was not only beautiful but also would stand up to any mess we could make. The pantry was on my dream list – I didn’t think it would be possible in the space, but the design and building team made it happen!



Also, I was skeptical about the refrigerator being around the corner. It was a design necessity to make do with the existing floor plan, but now I wouldn't change it. That space is so accessible while not being the focal point of the kitchen.

Now, the space is easy. It is easy to talk to each other and spend time together, to cook big family meals or to host play dates or birthday parties. It is easy to watch my kids playing out front or out back while I keep an eye on the stove, to clean and maintain, and to find things because there is now enough storage. Most importantly, it is easy to imagine years of memories being made in the space." —*Jamie Frala* ■

Professional design services by Aubrey Pate, ASID, of Julie Wait Designs, Inc.




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