

[in the kitchen]

Before, even standing around felt squished. After: Dana Smith relaxing with her morning brew.

worth *the* wait

Tiny, dated, barely any counters: enough!
A homeowner finally gets reno relief.

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paint color
Pine Haven by
Dunn-Edwards

for two decades, Dana Smith made do with a miniscule kitchen in the Bellflower, CA, home she bought after her divorce. At just under 100 square feet, “it was barely large enough to cook in, let alone chop anything,” she says. Dana and her then 3-year-old son, Christopher, dined at a little table at first. “When he got bigger, it was more comfortable to eat on the living room couch.” Cut to 2020: After spending more time than ever cooking at home during the pandemic, she was raring to redo. Dana worked with designer Linda Hayslett to put an addition onto the house that nearly tripled the kitchen’s size. “I like having people hang out at the banquette while I cook,” says Dana. “Especially Christopher, when he visits—at last he can sprawl out!”



1 CABINETRY The emerald green suggested by designer Linda was beyond Dana’s wildest dreams. “I’d always had cherrywood in mind—I had no idea I could love something bold,” she says.

2 LIGHTING Wall sconces by Rejuvenation with an oil-rubbed-bronze finish match the black cabinet pulls and make for great task lighting when Dana’s whipping up favorites like gumbo and cauliflower tacos.

3 HOOD Covered to match the cabinets, its little doors hide the vent that extends outside.

4 BACKSPLASH Ceramic hex Artezen by Marazzi tiles installed vertically help the standard 8-foot-ceiling seem taller. They’re understated chic, so the cabinet color is the star.

5 FLOORS Pale engineered hardwood planks by Riva floors contrast the cabinets. “It’s a lot of

work to keep light floors clean,” says Dana, “But they’re beautiful, and it’s worth it!”

6 BASKETS Assorted ones in different sizes and similar tones from Amazon and Target bring texture to the wall. Linda first laid them out on the floor to decide on the configuration—ultimately, though, she wanted a perfectly imperfect arrangement.

7 BANQUETTE A custom L-shaped kind is so roomy and so inviting, says Dana, “that sometimes I just lie here and watch TV. It’s a vibe.” The flowery cushion fabric is by Pindler, and the patterned pillows are from Crane & Canopy. There’s storage beneath, which Dana uses as glorified junk drawers.

8 TABLE “After years of not getting to sit and eat at a table, I wanted a big one,” says Dana. This tulip number from Wayfair can seat 10.

sconce

Cypress 9¾"-tall brass sconce in oil-rubbed-bronze finish, \$319, rejuvenation.com



art

Malt Shop by Megan Cassidy Carty 11" x 14" unframed print, \$41, artfullywalls.com



bowl

Sardegna 10¼"-diameter stoneware bowl in blue, \$73, casafinagifts.com



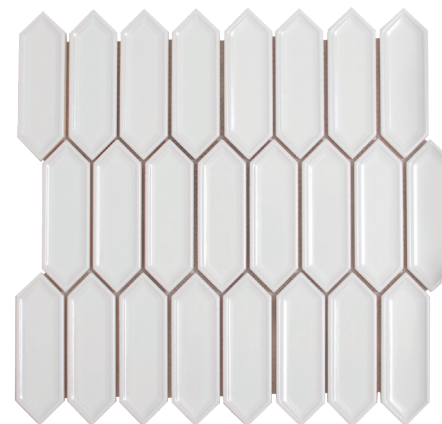
baskets

Modern Minimalist raffia and banana bark baskets in various sizes, from \$26 each, thekazishop.com



tiles

Picket Mosaic 11½" x 12¾" ceramic tiles in white, \$18 per sheet, mineraltiles.com



dutch oven

3-quart enamel-coated cast iron Dutch oven in cobalt blue, \$120, chantal.com



shop the look

faucet

Moen 5923EWSRS 22½"-tall metal faucet in stainless finish, \$610.50, riverbendhome.com



table

Tulip 28½"H x 43¼"-diameter Carrara marble and cast-aluminum table in white, \$1,574, roveconcepts.com



pillows

From left: The Modern Artist 22" x 22" cotton and linen pillow, \$115, craneandcanopy.com; Mud Cloth 20" x 20" polyester pillow in amber, \$25, worldmarket.com; The Melon Tropics 22" x 22" cotton pillow, \$115, craneandcanopy.com



rug

Jonathan Adler Inkdrop 5' x 7' rug in lapis blue, \$249, ruggable.com

