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Special Features:

Custom tile design on floor and backsplash, decorative plate insert on wall between range and hood, generous storage and counter space.

Dimensions:

21' x 17'

Products Used:

Cabinetry: Merit
Door: Whistler
Wood: Cherry
Flooring: CDC Tile
Countertops: Granite—Tropical Brown
Sink(s): Moen
Faucets: Whitehaus
Dishwasher: Bosch
Range: FiveStar
Lighting: Tresco
Refrigerator: GE Profile
Oven: Thermador Triple Oven
Range hood: Sirius
Range Hoods
Soap dispenser: Whitehaus
Hardware: Top Knobs

The challenge presented to Nick G. Virgilio, CKD, CGR, president and owner of Janco Design Group, Inc., was to convert an inefficient pantry into additional storage and counter space in this suburban Chicago home.

The pantry wall to be removed was load bearing with several mechanical items above it, creating a challenge for the structural engineer. They solved this problem by installing two short steel beams flush into the ceiling, allowing the new prairie style cherry cabinetry to occupy that additional space. The cabinets are accented by striking tropical brown granite that was beautifully incorporated into both the ceramic tile backsplash and the ceramic tile floor to complete a custom design created by the homeowner herself.

The focal point of this magnificent kitchen is the cooking center. The commercial style stainless steel FiveStar range is topped by a stainless steel Sirius Range Hood, with a gorgeous ceramic decorative plate inserted into the ceramic tile backsplash between the two appliances.

The island size was increased dramatically, creating space for additional storage as well as a beverage cooler. The interesting shape of the granite top nearly doubled the existing counter space and allowed for a dining and snack area for the homeowners' family.

Emphasizing the spectacular garden view from their kitchen was also a priority. The lush garden was brought indoors by the oversized windows above the sink and the sliding French door overlooking the small pond and brick patio. The finished product is a kitchen with plentiful storage and a place for the whole family to convene and enjoy the comforts of home. ♦

