

OTTAWA AT Home

CELEBRATING HOME, FOOD + LIVING IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

KITCHENS
BEFORE
+ AFTER
INSIDE

Luxury, glamour,
indulgence...

HOW TO GET IT + WHERE TO FIND IT

www.ottawaathome.ca \$3.50

DISPLAY UNTIL APRIL 2010



WINTER 2010

PLAY/WORK, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
PLAYING WITH ROCK STARS, NUTURING CREATIVITY,
ALL IN THE NAME OF WORK!

NAVAN KITCHEN AFTER



The new kitchen flows into the renovated family room with the same cool and modern design.

GOURMET GLITZ + GLAM



PHOTO BY MARC FOWLER/METROPOLIS STUDIO

WRITTEN BY JANE WHITING

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARK HOLLERON

Kitchen renovations are sizzling hot. Homeowners are splurging on the latest designs which combine high efficiency with high style. Open-concept layouts, fabulous finishes, smart appliances, and the ability to customize the space to suit individual needs, all ensure that no-one complains about being stuck in the kitchen anymore!

Ottawa At Home takes a look at two impressive, large-scale kitchen renovations that are designed to please gourmet tastes while oozing with family personality.

CONTEMPORARY CHIC

Make no mistake, this very modern and award-winning kitchen reno is not just for show. With two young kids and a teenager in the Yelle household, Sylvain and Wendy quickly point out that it caters to a real family. Just don't expect to see any cute fridge magnets or kiddy clutter in their sleek new kitchen.



Exotic Jatoba cabinetry and sleek surfaces combine to make the kitchen sizzle.

PHOTO BY MARC FOWLER/METROPOLIS STUDIO



A chocolate granite countertop on the long mahogany island adds to the warmth of the dark hardwood flooring and coffee-coloured walls.

WESTBORO KITCHEN AFTER

After living in their Navan home for nearly a decade, the couple considered moving, but loved the neighbourhood. Any other homes they considered buying in the area also needed work, so they decided on a major overhaul of their living space. Under the direction of Friedemann Weinhardt of Design First Interiors, a new floor plan was drawn up for the late '80s style kitchen, and walls came down for a complete renovation that opened up the kitchen to the remodeled

family room and dining area.

The open-concept floor plan has the effect of making the kitchen look much more spacious without building an addition or claiming space from adjoining rooms. It also allows unobstructed views to the family room and ongoing conversations with guests in the dining room.

Yet, less wall space translates into fewer cabinets and the minimalist design did not support overhead cabinetry. The answer



WESTBORO BEFORE

ABOVE: The glamorous new kitchen is bigger, brighter, warmer and wired for sound