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Before

A “contemporary” home design of 40 years ago gets expanded and updated to meet the new living space needs and lifestyle of its owner.



The new addition focuses on the fireplace wall with built-in shelves and a media center. Its French doors open onto a patio and garden.

A Case in Point: Second Look



Three sets of French doors and a reworked layout, *above*, turned the original kitchen, *left*, into a warm, whimsical cottage space. This cozy pocket was created for an informal dinette.



The windows of the original living room, *right*, became the entry to the living room addition. Then this room became the dining room, *opposite*. Bookshelves built into the wall give the house much-needed storage space.

A Case in Point: Second Look





The original kitchen, *below*, was replaced by this streamlined, updated work core, *left*. Traditional square-panel cabinet doors and rustic ceramic tile countertops accent its country cottage feel. The peninsula's backsplash hides clutter from the dinette without blocking the view or light. See *Buying Guide* for details.



The peninsula's high back makes a convenient snack counter and channels traffic toward the doors, *above*. Setting it at an angle put additional floor space into the work area and made the dinette a comfortable and accessible place.

if they bumped out the living room's window wall with an addition.

It was just a short step from idea to action and the building of the 14-foot by 20-foot wing. The inside corner of its exterior wall joins the inside corner of the kitchen's exterior wall to create an L-shaped pocket for the patio and garden. French doors and big windows open both walls to the garden space, merging the indoors and outdoors in one colorful, refreshing entity. The addition also resulted in converting the original living room into a romantic dining room with a fireplace. Finally, throughout the house, it created new wall space on which Walton can display her extensive collection of modern art. — S.R.