



Simply Sensational

Harvey Perry and Jeff Avery experienced their own challenges remodeling an Arts & Crafts bungalow on South Edison. "It hadn't been touched in 50 years, didn't have central air, needed all new plumbing and wiring," said Avery. "We brought it all up to code." They retained the original heart-of-pine floors, but many other elements are new—especially in the kitchen. "The ceiling was actually coming down, it was bad," said Avery.

Aside from some input from architect-friend Bret Azzarelli, Perry and Avery designed the kitchen themselves. "Bret would come by and we'd go over what we thought would look good; he'd draw it on a napkin and we'd step it out," said Avery. "Because



Jeff Avery



of the windows in the room, we sort of knew where things had to go.”

Custom cabinets transformed the space. “We wanted to keep them simple because it’s a simple house,” explained Avery. “We chose a very plain door, nothing too elaborate. The hardest task was getting the right finish on them. Our cabinet guy would keep bringing the door over until we liked it - not too red, not too brown. It took about four tries.” After getting their friends’ consensus, black porcelain knobs with polished nickel backplates provided the finishing touch.

The 8-foot island was designed for maximum storage and surface space. “We deliberately didn’t have anything cut into the island, like a cooktop or sink, because it works great when you’re having a party to use that as your serving area,” said Avery. “When we have people over, everyone gravitates toward the island.” Recognizing the need for an additional prep area, the

Opposite page: The center island serves as a serving space allowing Harvey Perry and Jeff Avery plenty of space to entertain. The restored bungalow retains the Arts & Crafts charm complete with a working vintage Coke machine. The home retains the vintage heart-of-pine floors while undergoing an 18 month re-model.



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