



A RUSTIC-MODERN MAKEOVER

Sleek and modern meets rustic and cozy in this eco-friendly kitchen remodel

THE YOUNG OWNERS of this 1970s University City house wanted to create an open and warm place where friends and family could gather together and cook. They collected images of things they were drawn to: clean lines, simple materials, vaulted ceilings, distressed textures, and barn siding. The result? A stunning transformation that turned this nondescript, outdated kitchen into a functional, stylish living space.

Dubbed “rustic modern” by the team at Jackson Design & Remodeling, the project represents a growing trend in the design world. “People want their homes to be cozy,” interior designer Bonnie Bagley-Catlin said. “They want their woods to be worn and textured, not all shiny and pristine.”

The first step was creating a floor plan that worked. Architect Jim Groen expanded the kitchen into the formal dining area, opening up the subdivided layout. “We moved as many walls as we could that still allowed the roof to be suspended properly.” Groen also built in faux trusses to highlight the home’s existing structural elements.