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BEAUTIFUL NEW KITCHEN IN SYNCH WITH OLDER HOME

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When a Kansas City couple decided to redo the kitchen in their home off Ward Parkway, they turned to Portfolio Kitchen & Home's head of design, David Zebley.

The updated kitchen in this older home was completely functional but design wise presented somewhat of a disconnect from the rest of the home. Its French and English antique influences were the wrong style and the wrong colors, making it feel completely separate from the rest of the home.

The makeover was undertaken without knocking down or moving any walls. It was completed using the original footprint of the home. The kitchen and an adjacent space that houses a casual dining area are now replete with richly detailed, crisp-looking cabinetry in a signature, custom-created shade of a creamy white that's very warm and has the feeling of a finish one would find on a fine antique. Many of the cabinet fronts in the kitchen feature multipaned beveled-glass fronts with glass shelves that allow the homeowners to display collectibles, art and antiques in ways that make them shine.

A mantle in the kitchen features hand-carved, large-scale corbels. The hood over the Viking professional series stove also is sized to make a statement, looking very much like a custom-made European one. All were created by craftsmen at Century Wood Products in Olathe.

Stacked molding in the kitchen ties in with molding in other parts of the house, with the goal of creating a seamless transition between the kitchen and the rest of the home. Richly veined granite countertops also tie the kitchen to the casual dining area, as do the warm, rich wood floors. The island in the kitchen, which anchors the room, features a stain custom blended to match a beloved antique elsewhere in the home.

Today, the kitchen has the feel that it's been there for years. The redesign has created a whole new energy formerly lacking in this part of the home. It now ties beautifully to the rest of the home, made warm and inviting by the owners and their many lovely antiques, art and furnishings.