

KITCHEN REFRESH!

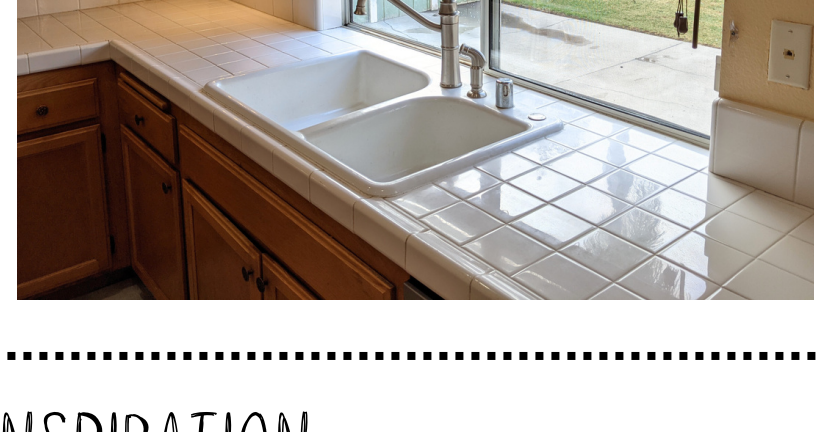
It's always fun when you can pick some fun and new design elements for a tired, dated kitchen! This house has its own vibe and I really wanted to expand on that. I took the standard, builder-grade kitchen and had a lot of fun with beautiful olive-green paint on the cabinets, fresh quartz countertops, new hardware, and an earthy butcher-block kitchen island.

THE BEFORE PIX...



We actually lived in this home for nearly 10 years before we moved into a different property. I had always wanted to re-do the kitchen and was so excited to finally tackle this project! This house was built in the 90's and the kitchen unfortunately had zero personality.

The white tile countertops had always been a problem; sad oak cabinetry; and a white divided sink that made it hard to soak a large pan after a big family dinner.



THE PROCESS... DESIGN INSPIRATION

When I begin a project, I always start with something that inspires the look and color palette of that space. In this case, I really loved this [tile](#) and knew I wanted to use it for the backsplash...



I always purchase physical samples. Many times, you can't buy just 1 sqft or 1 piece of tile online, so heading into your local store is often your best bet. In this case, these tiles came from Lowe's & I was able to purchase 4 individual tiles so I could see the complete pattern.

Since this property is a rental, I wanted to pick something affordable that was fun, bold, and unique that fit the overall 'vibe' of the home.

I know these color choices aren't for everyone... So if you're upgrading your home and thinking of selling in the near future, it's important to keep your colors neutral; otherwise, you risk turning off potential buyers who might worry about the costs to de-personalize the space.

PICKING COLORS...

I really wanted a deep olive green for the cabinetry, so I picked several shades to compare with the tile so see which one(s) worked best. This is often the hardest part of any project (at least for me!) - the paint!

It's important to lay out ALL the elements of the project together; in this case, it's the backsplash tile, paint options, countertop sample, and [flooring](#).



ALWAYS BRING YOUR SAMPLES 'INTO' YOUR SPACE... LOTS OF TIMES, ITEMS SEEM TO 'CHANGE COLOR' ONCE THEY'RE IN THEIR OWN LIGHT, NEXT TO FLOORING, ETC.



BACKSPASH TILC: ALLEN + ROTH
STYLE: MANCHESTER 8X8



CABINET COLOR
SHUTTERS
DET519
Dunn-Edwards PAINTS



COUNTERTOPS: SILESTONE QUARTZ
COLOR: BLANCO CITY



FLOORING: ALLEN + ROTH PORCELAIN
TILE // STYLE: WOODS NATURAL 6X24



BUTCHERBLOCK STAIN: MINWAX
ANTIQUE WALNUT

To keep costs down, I chose to keep the cabinetry since it was still in great shape & made of solid wood. I had it professionally sanded, primed & painted.

The butcher block was also in excellent shape, so all it needed was a good sanding and a fresh coat of some darker stain, which I really think compliments the green and the darker colors in the backsplash tile...

GOODBYE, OLD KITCHEN!



Even got my 'littles' to help me with the demo! Here they are pulling out all of the old shelf liner in the hard to reach places!



Can't wait to paint the island!



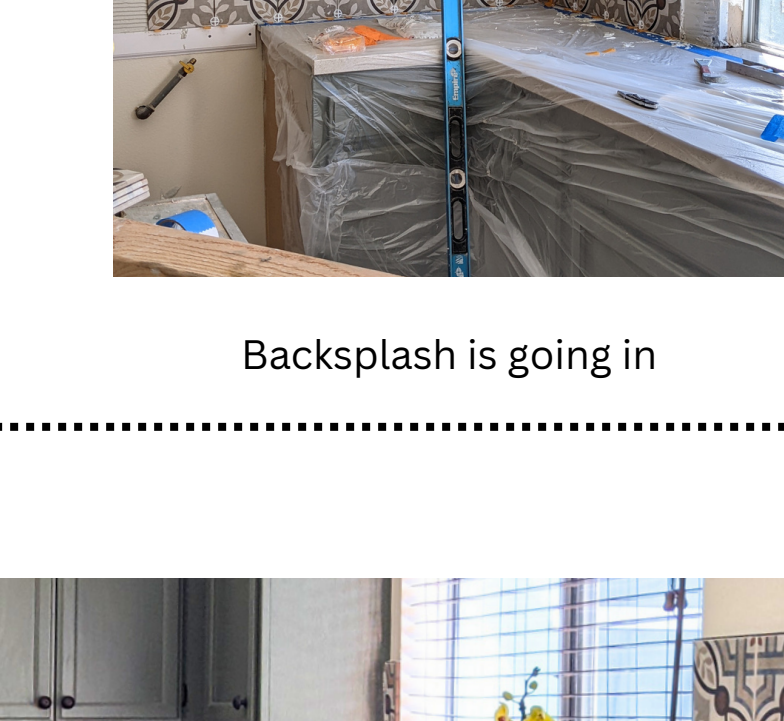
Old tile countertops, GONE!



Looking good! Everything has been primed and painted...



Countertops being delivered!



Backsplash is going in

THE FINISHED PRODUCT!



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