

Amy Mood knows the O'Driscoll family very well. She designed their previous dream kitchen as part of a major home renovation, and the family was featured in our 2009 Fall issue of Kitchen Views magazine in an article entitled *Room to Grow*. Then the unthinkable happened. Their home was destroyed by a major fire, but thankfully the family members were not injured physically. Emotionally, a lot

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of healing was needed. Part of their healing process was restoring the family spirit by creating a completely new and different kitchen. Lori O'Driscoll says she knew just the right person to call, “I couldn't imagine starting a new kitchen from scratch without Amy to guide us.” With the support of old friends, it was a time for fresh starts. This called for a completely new color palette and layout, with a timeless appeal to restore the feeling of family traditions. The cabinetry colors reflect new trends, but the style makes it timeless. Surrounding the



stove, the hearth is a focal point, with everything needed for cooking in easy reach. The expanded room includes a versatile dining room featuring a beautiful built-in hutch made with coordinating cherry cabinetry.

With more square footage than before, two islands were designed — one for cooking prep and another for casual dining that can double as a buffet for gatherings. A symbolic piece of their previous kitchen was salvaged; the custom-made Cherry countertop was resized, now holding the prep sink adjacent to the stove. It's central placement provides continuity of the family history.

Accommodating aging-in-place with numerous special design features makes this a truly family-friendly living space. The family's renewed focus on the joys of being together is felt in this expanded space, with plenty of room for family time and entertaining friends.



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