

Chris and I renovated most of a house last summer which was completed in September 2012. We used reused materials wherever possible, and were especially proud of the kitchen renovation. The house was originally built in 1920. Items that were purchased reused from Community Forklift are highlighted green. – Bea

View on opening the front door:



BEFORE

We turned the hatch into a breakfast bar, extending the trim (with a match found at CF!) across the top of the bar and used a matching rosette. We enlarged the opening, moving the thermostat (now an eco-friendly programmable model) to another hallway and hung pendant lights with reused globes. We also painted over the mint green with more neutral colors.



AFTER

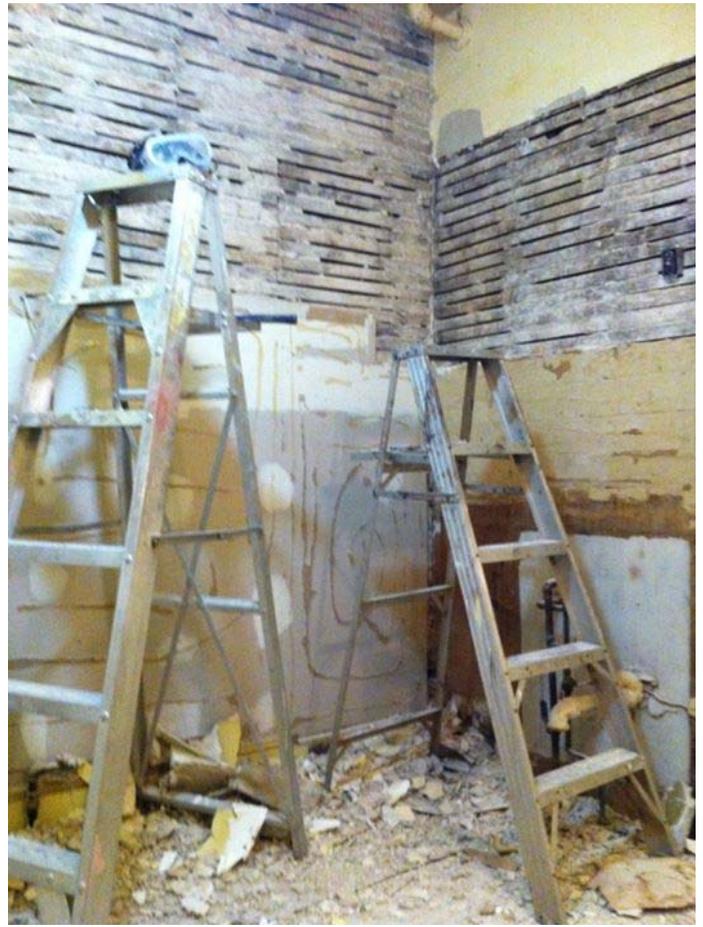
Breakfast bar from inside the kitchen:



BEFORE:



DURING:



The original kitchen was incredibly poorly designed – it had only 2 wall cabinets in the entire room, no base cabinets, and you couldn't stand straight in front of the sink because the stove stuck out too far. We totally gutted the roach-infested kitchen & unfortunately not too much was reusable.

Starting over designing the kitchen from scratch, we found a [corner sink](#) that worked perfectly to save space and designed the odd-shaped kitchen around it. [Maple cabinets, stainless 24" gas stove, microwave, dishwasher, and a very large wall corner cabinet](#) that we converted into a corner sink base all came from CF. We got a [refurbished stainless fridge](#) from another store. The [ceiling fan & light fixture](#) were also from CF.

AFTER:



BEFORE:



The previous owners used furnishings to make up for lack of kitchen cabinet space. We built in storage space by installing the cabinets, a breakfast bar, and plenty of counter space. Since the kitchen was such a weird shape (a pentagon, with two pass-through doorways, and a radiator in one corner), we needed some custom countertops. Our friend Joe built them from poured concrete, with some troweling help from his grandkids!

Another custom design was this radiator cover. We wanted it to be accessible so temperature could be adjusted, but wanted a solid countertop above so that meant we had to hinge the front.

Luckily, CF had a pile of **maple 1x** donated from a cabinet maker, and some **radiator screen**, so I built a 3-sided frame for this "door". On the 4th side, the screen overhands and slips right into a piece of maple that's affixed to the cabinet, where we used a previously-owned **table saw** to cut a groove. So you can remove the entire door when you need to bleed the radiator or make any adjustments – we were pretty pleased with how it came out!

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