

THE KITCHEN RENOVATION in this twenty year old Lindal cedar home actually started with a roof replacement. Since work crews were going to be there anyway, the owners decided to gut and rebuild the kitchen into what they had always known it could be. The project was marked by a series of lucky finds in unexpected places that led to a unique array of kitchen features.

The design is based around the custom distressed black finish on all the pine cabinetry. The black paint was hand-sanded in several stages to bring out the brown tones until the perfect balance was reached, setting the tone for a rustic country kitchen. The display cabinets feature screens in the doors instead of the traditional glass; the metal grate used actually came from an old piece of machinery and was the first purchase made for the kitchen. Other cabinets incorporate built-in plate racks and attached shelving for added convenience and some extra display space.

The island is one of the most impressive results of the remodeling. It features a three inch thick counter made of reclaimed douglas fir, with matching corner posts. The wood was sourced by Timeless Materials in Waterloo, and came from the old Seagram Museum. Mounted in this surface is a bold and unforgettable



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The fridge is a fully custom design from SubZero, featuring a wine rack and a convenient set of drawers and compartments. It is decoratively paneled with the same pine as the cabinetry for a completely unbroken finish. The old-fashioned surface of this kitchen conceals the full range of modern amenities.



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hammered copper sink with an unconventional shape that becomes an instant focus of the décor and is guaranteed to be a conversation piece. The sink comes from Legacy Copper in Arizona and is called A River Runs Through It.

Above the island hangs a light fixture from Ironworks in Cookstown. The homeowner didn't want a boring three-lamp fixture that looked as if it came from a pool hall, and she stumbled across this more elegant piece randomly, as was the case with many elements in the kitchen. The iron fits perfectly with the theme of rustic farm materials, colours and finishes.

For the main kitchen counter, the owner wanted something other than granite or wood, but something just as durable. Soapstone was the eventual choice, and for a little more money it brought a unique look and texture to the design. The counter, from N&G Soapstone in Stouffville, features a cut-in drying rack and is stain proof, requiring only the occasional coat of oil in terms of maintenance.

The main kitchen sink is the same hammered copper as the island sink and features two bowls with one oversized. The designer sink fixtures that so perfectly match the copper were a lucky find at Herbeau Kitchen Couture in Waterloo.

The owners couldn't be happier with their new kitchen – it captured their tastes and the style of their home flawlessly. The project's success came from constant collaboration between the owners and the decorator, and from tireless shopping and exploring that turned up all the best features. What started as a necessary roofing job turned into a rewarding renovation that has transformed the home forever. **LS**