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Erica Gelman's BEACH HOUSE kitchen

the project

The homeowners dreamt of living in a space where the kitchen would set the tone for the rest of their home. However, the only tone it set was one for a remodel.

my challenge

The kitchen was extremely long in length, yet the island cut the space in half, leaving a very small work area with minimal storage and an awkward kitchen formation. The cabinetry itself was basic white flat boxes that exuded absolutely no personality. The flooring was tiled, which normally could work great in a kitchen, however, it was open to the family and living rooms where existing hardwood was already laid and this cut off the room even more so.

my solution

Immediately, we knew we would need to emphasize the length of this kitchen by extending the new cabinetry as far down the wall as possible. Not only did we extend the cabinetry in length but we also extended the height as well. By having the crown molding go all the way up the wall we were able to give the illusion of much higher ceilings. For the flooring, we decided to keep the entire main floor consistent by laying down light hardwood, reminiscent of a beach house.

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FACT SHEET

the designer Erica Gelman
firm Erica Gelman House Of Design
background Erica is known for enhancing and creating new possibilities in every space of your home.



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Jane Lockhart
Jane Lockhart Interior Design

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~Erica Gelman, House Of Design



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www.apple.com

~Jodie Rosen, Jodie Rosen Design

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~Jennifer Brouwer

Jennifer Brouwer Design

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