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SHIP'S LOG: SUMMER 2020

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AS WE UNKNOWINGLY ENTERED THIS STRANGE NEW COVID-19 WORLD, OUR HOMES QUICKLY BECAME OUR REFUGE. OUR SAFE PLACE. A PLACE OF COMFORT AND PEACE AMONG FAMILY.

Despite the world chaos, it was my good luck to cross paths with a recently transplanted family from Ohio. Fleeing long, cold winters, they chose a sunny home on beautiful Lake Norman and made plans to renovate their dated, dark, and crowded kitchen in what was otherwise a large and open space. With ten-foot ceilings and plenty of natural light, we had a blank canvas and the ability to create the perfect space.

CHART THE COURSE

With more family at home day and night, the kitchen needed to accommodate the family's needs and activities: studying with computer chargers and comfy stools, a place for wine storage that doubled as a bar, a microwave that was at a comfortable height for the tall members of the family, a gas range for the chefs in the family, and even a cozy spot for the family dog.

Because Lake Norman is the focal point of the home, the view from the family room is 180 degrees



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of beautiful water, a custom swimming pool, and a pier. The water greets you day and night, from every angle.

As a celebration of all things water and nautical, the inspiration for this kitchen was a ship. The dark cherry-wood cabinets are accented with high-gloss porcelain countertops and backsplashes. Three-inch thick floating shelves and glass display cabinets showcase a special pottery collection, and the two center islands are nautical navy blue with custom brass countertops. The custom brass and stainless hood incorporate the two metal finishes found throughout the kitchen appliances, island countertops, and hardware.

The brass hardware shapes were carefully selected to resemble cleats and mooring anchors.

CAPTAIN AND CREW

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is forming long-lasting relationships with my clients. I also relish working with talented tradespeople and exploring all of the design sources and components.

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In the end, the new kitchen design met this family’s wish list and created a wonderful gathering space during a time when our homes have been our living space, our workspace, a backdrop for video conferencing, and much more.

With careful design, planning, and sourcing the perfect products, we successfully fulfilled the family’s dream to create a home with a ship’s feel. ♦

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