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Historic Kenwood's Feature Kitchen Bungalow Chic

Have you ever dreamed of designing your ideal kitchen? Whether you're building a new home or considering remodeling your current kitchen, there are many unique products, features, and design elements that can bring your dream kitchen into reality.

The new kitchen pictured here succeeds in seamlessly blending 1940s Mission style with new amenities and luxury appliances. By honoring the architectural style of a bungalow home, this kitchen offers both historical charm and modern convenience. Features include Kraftmaid Cabinetry, Silestone countertops, Brazilian Cherry hardwood flooring, and stainless steel appliances. The range hood is a custom design made from copper, glass, and stainless steel with a copper relief on the backsplash.

Some of the convenient features included in this kitchen are: a butler's pantry, cabinets with pull-out shelves, a pull-out spice rack, a hidden pull-out trash can, and a plastic bag holder. The island work station also includes a second sink, which is extremely convenient when you are entertaining or if you have multiple people using the kitchen. Recessed lighting is efficient for task lighting, and the Mission style pendant accent lights provide beautiful ambient light.

This kitchen is in a new bungalow home located in Kenwood, a historical district of St. Petersburg undergoing revitalization projects. Many homeowners in the diverse neighborhood of Historic Kenwood are restoring beautiful bungalow homes to their original charm. In this artistic community, the trick is to retain the architectural character of

bungalow style homes while bringing them up to date with modern conveniences, luxury amenities, and spacious living areas. This neighborhood also features the Grand Central District, which is a vibrant 1940s style shopping area also undergoing restoration.

Tips for planning your own home improvement project.

If you are considering a kitchen or bathroom remodel, choose a company that has extensive design experience and can offer personalized consultations. Whether you have a specific idea of the type of kitchen or bath you want, or if you need some help in visualizing the possibilities, make sure the company you work with will answer all your questions and educate you about the details of selecting the right products and layout for your home and lifestyle.

A good way to get started is to draw up a wish-list of everything you would love to have in your kitchen or bathroom, and then discuss your priorities and preferences with the designer. Make sure your designer really listens to your needs and helps incorporate your unique vision into the project. Just as important, they should be committed to helping you work within your budget and find creative solutions to any design challenges.

For more information, you can contact Grand Kitchen & Bath, a design studio and showroom that offers personalized consultations for kitchens, baths, and closets. You can reach them at (727) 327-3007, or you can visit their showroom in the Historic Kenwood shopping district at 2448 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg. For more information and design ideas, you can visit www.grandkitchen.com ❖