



in the kitchen: nancy sinclair



Natural stone forms a backsplash for Nancy Sinclair's deep kitchen sink made of black composite granite.

NATURE BLENDS INTO DESIGN

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There's something about Nancy Sinclair's kitchen that feels like it's made specifically for the wooded land around it.

From the natural stone backsplash to the hickory flooring, the kitchen is an extension of the secluded property just off Cold Spring Road.

"It was all functional, but it was very dated," said Sinclair, who purchased the 1960s brick home two years ago. With that purchase came green laminate countertops and linoleum flooring.

The space was sufficient but needed to be opened up, said Sinclair. Working with builder Steve Gray, she expanded a doorway leading to the home's dining room, and then put together a "wish list."

Within about four months, Sinclair had completed an estimated \$50,000 investment into her three-bedroom home.

Windows look out onto the property that serves as a playground for birds and squirrels. While she bakes a pie, Sinclair enjoys the scenery.

An island with deep storage drawers and a National Treasure granite countertop provide work space and a casual seating area.

"It's my favorite part of the kitchen," said Sinclair, a registered nurse. The gold and black countertop, along with solid black pieces framing the kitchen, are from EF Marburger Fine Flooring, Fishers. Custom cabinetry is by Kline, out of Maxwell.

Sinclair consulted with Tonya M. Baueu of Sanctuary Designs to pull the look together.

"Every time we went to add something, she brought bits and pieces of what we already had to see how it would all work together," said Sinclair. In addition to a Jenn-Air refrigerator with French doors, ASKO dishwasher and Electrolux range, Sinclair added a few special touches to the look.

Her deep kitchen sink is made of black composite granite, and a seating area includes a mix of furnishings from Midland Antiques and Crate & Barrel, plus a small table made by Kline Cabinetry from a tree stump.

"I spend most of my time here," said Sinclair. "It's a big enough kitchen that fits into a house that's really not so big."

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An island with a National Treasure granite countertop and a marble rolling pin are among Sinclair's kitchen favorites.



Casual seating at an island in the remodeled kitchen offers views of the wooded area surrounding the secluded brick home on Cold Spring Road. Hickory flooring complements the natural look.

HER FAVORITE GADGET

A marble rolling pin with wooden stand.

What she likes about it: "It was a gift from my daughter, Annie Yamamoto, more than 30 years ago. I've made a lot of pies with it, I have no idea how many."



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