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are
FAMILY
too!

WHAT'S YOUR
FAMILY
motto?

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SHOWCASE
THEIR
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PETS

MEET THE CUTEST LKN PET EVER!
12-YEAR-OLD SADIE JANE, WITH OWNER MEGAN MEIRAN

WE ARE
family!



order in the kitchen

Our open concept homes are about to change. For those of us renovating or building new homes, it is important to understand how current circumstances will change how we live in the future. This month we start with the kitchen pantry.



In most custom homes built between 1970 - 2005 the pantry has been a larger closet or part of the main kitchen cabinetry.

In the past 15 years, the scullery or walk-in pantry has emerged as a "want to have" on the custom home feature list. It is now becoming a "must have."

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PANTRY: a room or closet used for storage (as of provisions) or from which food is brought to the table

SCULLERY: a room for cleaning and storing dishes and cooking utensils and for doing messy kitchen work

These came about due to:

- Fact: The open concept kitchen is an entertainment eyesore.
- If you had a caterer, a second kitchen/scullery for prep and cleanup is essential.
- If you host a neighborly potluck, all the "packaging" must be stored somewhere for later use.
- If you are cooking yourself - a hot mess. (At least I am.)
- Fact: The advent of warehouse stores, nationwide by the end of the 90's, caused us to need more storage.

A scullery can add to the above a countertop for prep and staging, a sink, a dishwasher, a drink refrigerator, a freezer, a full refrigerator, wine cooler, or even an ice maker. If you can imagine it, it can be done.

For the organization enthusiast, this is a great start to have everything in its place. Do not

scrimp on organizational lazy-Susan's, baskets and labeling. This should give you a great sense of serenity.

Final note: This is the perfect space to go for the fun cabinet color and fanciful wallpaper. This is your place to play! With a hidden door, a sweet surprise is just what the doctor ordered.

Today, we may not be entertaining, however offsetting that, we have our entire family at home, all day, every day. This is our new hectic and we cannot leave it at work.

Less clutter and more organization are the perfect counterweight to feeling anxious due to our circumstances. If we can move the chaos out of our main kitchen it feels like a breath of fresh air, just when we need it most.

So, what might a walk-in pantry hold within its shelving?

- It is the perfect place for storing your Costco purchases
- Dog bowls, leashes & food
- Small appliances rarely used
- Paper products
- Posting of children's artwork, calendars and take-out menus. Leaving this mess on the front of the refrigerator feels unruly and cluttered
- Cleaning products

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