



Gleaming white cabinets and polished marble work together to give this kitchen a bright and open atmosphere.



A home cook's dream, this hidden prep kitchen has all the room one needs to store appliances that tend to clutter a kitchen and tackle messy tasks away from guest's view.

The homeowner's goal was to trade in her dark kitchen for a luminous new space with more room and efficiency.



## SNOW WHITE & SECRET CHAMBERS

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Renovated in 2020, the owner of this Franklin home was looking for a clean slate when they reached out to *Schaerer Architextural Interiors* to update their classic Tudor-style home built in 1979. "The homeowner was interested in refreshing the color palette, replacing dark reds and bold colors that were popular decades ago," Lona Battishill director of design at the Bloomfield-based firm says. "When we discussed the kitchen design, the client really wanted to incorporate the original slate floor, but in the end, became resigned to the fact that it didn't fit into her overall vision." Ultimately, the slate was replaced by wide-plank oak flooring.

Other big changes included relocating the range and hood and installing a hidden prep kitchen. "The client is an enthusiastic cook and baker and requested extra room for preparation and storage off the main kitchen," Battishill explained. This was achieved by requisitioning a portion of an office abutting a corner of the kitchen. "The new area is a cook's dream which includes a steam oven, refrigeration drawers, ample storage, and a panel-ready hidden coffee station," she elaborated. The final result masterfully incorporates all the client's functional needs and marries these exigencies with impeccable design.