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## Bringing Balance

This historic bungalow's kitchen was in need of a revamp that honored the past while bringing it up to the present.

**Design:** Michael Winn, founder & president, WINN Design + Build  
**Photography:** Stacy Zarin Goldberg  
**Styling:** MoKi Media Moeller  
**Location:** Bethesda, Maryland

**About the Project:** Built in 1927, this home held a lot of history and a lot of potential. The homeowners reached out to WINN Design + Build for a remodel that would work best with their family. "The family's primary need was to reimagine the kitchen as the functional heart of the home," says Michael Winn, founder and president. "We focused on creating a space that was both modern and sympathetic to the original design." By blending timeless elements like custom ivory cabinetry, honed marble countertops and refinished hardwood flooring alongside a modern layout, appliances and functional storage, the team at WINN Design + Build created a space both practical and elegant.

**Biggest Challenge:** "One of the primary challenges was preserving the integrity of the original 1927 structure while seamlessly integrating modern enhancements," Michael says. "This required a delicate balance, ensuring that each aspect of the renovation complemented the historical essence of the bungalow." A fresh coat of paint, marble backsplash and refreshed lighting fixtures feel Old World while also breathing new life into the space.

**Editor's Note:** We love how unique and vintage the light fixtures look and feel while at the same time maintaining a contemporary edge. The marble backsplash is a sophisticated touch and adds texture against the primarily white and ivory palette.

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# Timeless Sophistication

Combining classic and contemporary, this kitchen remodel shines with elevated finishes, functional updates and lovely dark walnut details.

**Design:** Michael Winn, founder & president, WINN Design + Build

**Photography:** Constance Gauthier

**Styling:** MoKi Media Moeller

**Location:** Fairfax, Virginia

**About the Project:** After deciding this would be their long-term

home, the owners of this spacious Virginia house knew it was important to have a kitchen that would meet all their needs, both practical and aesthetic. "The homeowners were drawn to timeless, sophisticated aesthetics with a blend of traditional and contemporary elements," says Michael Winn, founder and president at WINN Design + Build. With the main goals of expanding storage and hosting capabilities without expanding the footprint, Michael knew that he and his team would need to implement creative cabinet solutions, as well as make space for professional-grade appliances. Visually, he opted for a "crisp, white" cabinet finish contrasted with warm wood tones. The storage drawers under the cooktop and beverage bar are walnut and add a depth and richness to the design. "We love incorporating walnut into our designs," Michael says. "In this kitchen, it was the perfect material to balance the light cabinetry and bring a sense of refined craftsmanship to everyday functionality."

**Biggest Challenge:** Expanding storage while keeping the same footprint was the most challenging aspect of the design. "We resolved this by implementing custom cabinetry solutions, including a built-in coffee station, hidden appliance garage, and deep drawer storage," Michael says. "Additionally, the dark-stained island adds both contrast and functionality, offering additional storage and workspace."

**Editor's Note:** The walnut details are very striking in this space and accomplish the warmth that the architect describes. We also love the stainless-steel range hood, which adds a modern touch to the space.

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# A Beautiful Bungalow

After a thoughtful renovation, this 1927 home imbues timeless French Country charm.

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**This comprehensive** remodeling project by Winn Design + Build for a family of four residing in a Bethesda, Maryland, bungalow built in 1927 remedied a previous renovation in 2002 that compromised its rich history and unique character.

"Our goal was to breathe new life into this historic bungalow while respecting its original charm," says Michael Winn, founder + president of Winn Design + Build. "The exterior transformation carefully balances durability, aesthetics and historical integrity, ensuring it remains a welcoming and timeless home for years to come."

Winn Design + Build updated the façade with composite shingles and cementitious siding selected for their durability and modern appeal. Architectural enhancements included a projected gable with decorative corbels, flared shingles and a distinctive copper awning, complemented by custom millwork, shutters and window planter boxes that enriched the home's historical character. The stoop, walkway and retaining wall were meticulously refurbished to marry the home's original charm with updated functionality. And finally, the screened-in porch extends the living space seamlessly, offering year-round functionality with infrared heaters, a ceiling fan and an exterior TV for year-round entertainment.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of this project was the collaboration with a neighboring homeowner, allowing us to source matching stone from a nearby renovation," Michael says. "It was a perfect blend of preservation, craftsmanship and community spirit."

This renovation epitomizes Winn's ability to transform not just a residence but the very lifestyle of their clients. The result is a harmonious blend of Old World charm and contemporary functionality for a home that stands as a testament to Winn's commitment to design excellence and quality craftsmanship.



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