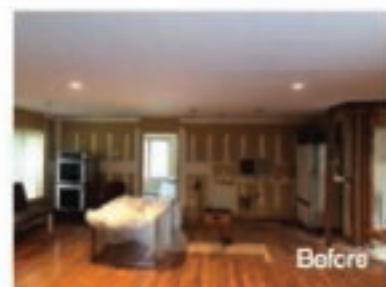


LARA MICHELLE BEAUTIFUL INTERIORS



Before

This lovely family residence in Purchase, N.Y., was completely renovated by Lara Michelle Beautiful Interiors. The home needed both functional and aesthetic updates, so Lara worked closely with the clients to create the light, clean and modern aesthetic of the kitchen and the showstopping powder room.

The design team expanded the spatial layout of the kitchen by knocking down a wall that housed the laundry room, which was subsequently moved to the second floor. By creating a more spacious footprint, Lara was able to accommodate a larger center island that became the focal point of the design. "The six-foot island really makes a statement with the material, which catches the eye upon entering the room," notes Lara. "The drawers are not only a practical storage solution, but they also anchor the lines of the cabinetry." The minimally veined Quartz Master countertop cascades down both sides. Since the clients preferred additional storage to seating, Lara designed drawers on the exterior side and appliances on the interior. The dynamic veining in the stone echoes the tangle of tree branches that are visible through the window.



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Lara also designed all the cabinetry, which was built by her in-house carpenter—a level of customization ensuring that no detail was too small to consider. A light-gray satin finish was chosen for the perimeter, and a medium-gray satin painted finish was used on the island cabinetry. The backsplash is a glossy white ceramic tile with beveled edges. The ombre amethyst pendant lighting is from Quorum International; the globes capture and harmonize with the orchid-hued chairs in the dining area. The client likes to cook, so Lara created an additional cabinetry wall behind the seating area that houses everyday appliances like a coffee maker and a pop-up drawer for the blender.

The client was very keen on creating a statement powder room—a fitting request for Lara, who has a particular fondness and talent for such a project. With the checkerboard black-and-white tile flooring serving as the foundation for the design, the stunning custom-designed glossy black vanity boasts a diamond-pattered front to echo the geometry of the tiles. Lara always encourages her clients to consider bold wallcoverings, and, here, “Noailles Jour” wallpaper from Christian Lacroix was a client favorite. Lara chose final finishing touches, including the antique brass sconces from Justice Design Group, an antique gold-framed mirror by Mercury Row, and an Art Deco-inspired faucet, towel ring and toilet paper holder from the Vero Collection by Delta. She also custom-designed the shelving above the Toto toilet. A guest can’t help but let out an audible gasp of excitement upon entering this bold and exciting space. Voilà!

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