THE WALLS COME

**PROJECT**
Interior reconstruction of home in Saints Street area

**PROJECT DESIGNER**
Guy Ransonet, Interior Designer/Guy Ransonet Interiors

**PROBLEM**
The clients were an older couple with grown children who wanted to live in an established, attractive neighborhood like the Saints Street area. However, they found that the interior layout of the home they were purchasing did not satisfy their space needs. The bedrooms, living room, and dining area, originally designed to accommodate a family with children, were too cramped and confining for their lifestyle.

**SOLUTION**
- Add bath and closet to the master bedroom, thus increasing the space by 162 square feet.
- Remove walls between existing living room and front bedroom to create a spacious living/dining area measuring over 350 square feet.
- Convert old bedroom closet to an entertainment center, thus eliminating the unsightly protrusion of a television set.
- Create a rear corridor in the house to improve circulation and provide privacy to a guest bedroom/study.
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THE LIGHT TOUCH

Before

AFTER

PROJECT
Remodeling of kitchen in Lafayette home

PROJECT DESIGNER
Marlon D. Duhon, Certified Kitchen Designer/Top's Woodwork and Supply

PROBLEM
Existing kitchen had poor lighting, dark colors, and a closed-in floor plan that created a claustrophobic atmosphere. Layout was inefficient.

SOLUTION
1. Create a more open plan by eliminating a protruding broom closet and adding an island to the center of the kitchen with no overhead cabinets or hood.
2. Create a more compact work triangle by relocating the stove to the island area and moving the refrigerator closer to the sink. This resulted in a more efficient use of space and put the various work centers (stove, refrigerator, sink) in the proper sequence.
3. Brighten the appearance of the room by adding recessed lighting, white cabinets, and countertops and a new arched window to allow more natural light to stream into the space.

CREDITS
Les Genez/Remodeling Contractor
Connie Seltz/Decorator

Thoughtful Planning Created New Spaces

Marlon Duhon In His Space Age Kitchen

TUMBLING DOWN

*DRAPERY & COLUMNS HELP TO ENHANCE VERTICAL LINES

WALLS SPONGED & STIPPED

MARBLEIZED POLE

INDIAN COTTON SHEER

CHENILLE FABRIC

Bouillonn Fringe

Interior Designer
Guy Rasorset