



Aol. ORIGINAL **Family Kitchen Makeover: From "Ugliest" to Unbelievable**

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A family kitchen wins the "Ugliest Kitchen" award, then gets an inspiring makeover. Goodbye pink countertops!

This Michigan home has been in the same family since the 1930's. And even though it changed hands over the years, the kitchen pretty much stayed the same.

But after winning [the Inman Company](#)'s "Ugliest Kitchen" contest, this family kitchen finally got the love and attention it needed.





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Before the renovation, the kitchen was stark and sterile. We love antique sinks, but this one looks better suited for the garage. The ceiling fan and wood door stick out like sore thumbs. And, um, is that a pink countertop? Seems to be the only color in this [white kitchen](#).

The freestanding dishwasher is more of a nuisance than an upgrade as it's plopped next to the door and is too close to the fridge. The oven, also freestanding, is without counterspace on either side.

Would you want to cook in here? We wouldn't.



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Ugly kitchen no more! Yes, that is the same space, and now it's a family kitchen to be proud of. The homeowners knocked down the wall where the oven once rested and replaced it with a breakfast nook.

Forget the pink countertops and aging white cabinets. Dark, rich cabinetry instantly transforms the space, and the taupe paint creates a warm inviting atmosphere. Looks like that awkward dishwasher was trashed. In its place -- a stainless steel refrigerator and additional cabinets.

An [island](#) provides more counter space and fills the center of the kitchen. And check out the back door: It's been painted a glossy white.



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This side-by-side photo is a tell-all. Instead of the fridge, this wall is now home to the cooktop and microwave. And no more patterned linoleum flooring -- It's now a neutral tile. The in-cabinet and under-cabinet lighting illuminates the counters, and the multi-toned backsplash finishes off this family [kitchen](#) for an updated look.

Now what's for dinner? Because we're ready to cook!