

Project Portfolio 2

Wide Open Spaces

One of the greatest features of this house - the high cathedral ceiling running the length of the main floor was obscured by the bearing wall that split the room into two boxcar shaped spaces. On one side stretched the long, skinny living room. The other was split between the kitchen and tiny eat-in space. The designers and remodelers at Murphy Bros. put pencil to drafting paper, and conjured up a whole new life-style.

By replacing the bearing wall with a microlaminated beam, hidden within an attractive decorative arch, an expansive room took shape. Natural cherry cabinets, including an island backed by tall, glass door cabinets, gave the areas definition. A granite table was added to the island, breathing new life into the breakfast space. A perfect open floor plan!

Before: An interior wall separated the rooms blocking light and flow.

Before: Kitchen and dining area are separated from rest of home



After: Warm cherry cabinets and a large island define the newly open space

After: A support beam replaces the wall, enabling the "great room" floor plan.

