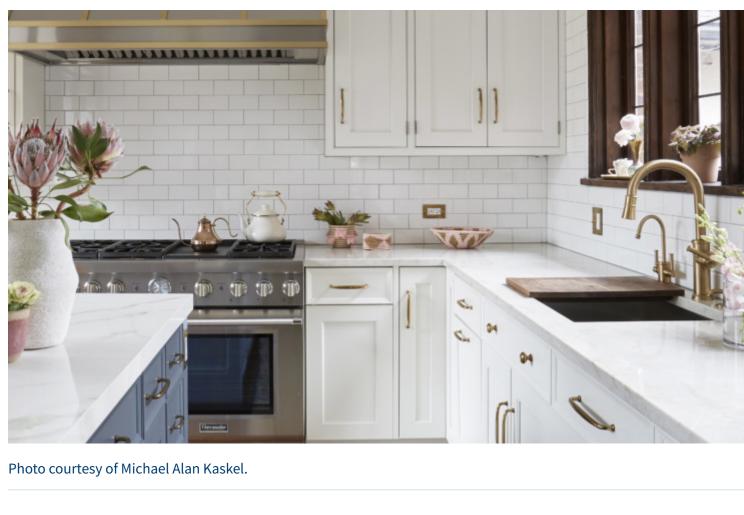
A Thoughtful Renovation: A Vintage Kitchen Gets a Bright and Airy New Look in a 1930s-Era Brick Tudor Home

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Oak Park is known for its dazzling hodgepodge of historic housing styles, and that mix appealed to Jeff and Deb Cogan, who moved there from the city when their two young children were born. "I'm a history buff, and I love architecture and art," says Deb, who

changes.

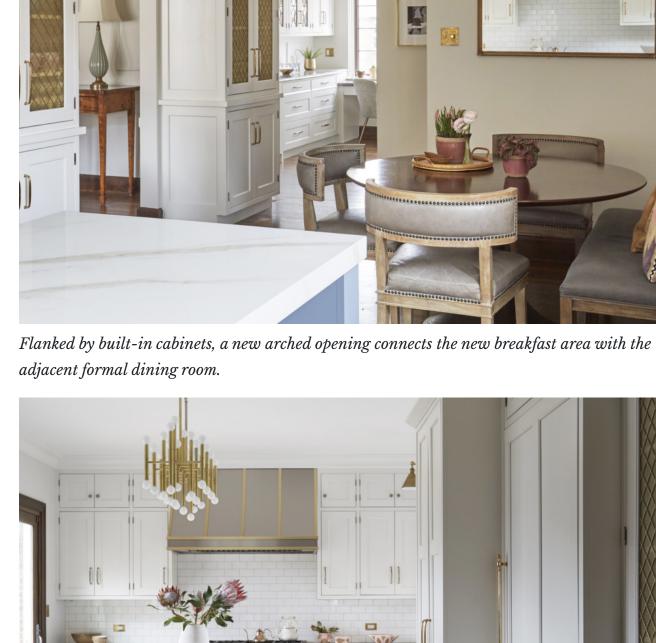
Oak Park have this living, breathing history." That's certainly the case for their own home, a 1930s-era brick Tudor with leaded glass windows and a distinctive turret on an ample corner lot. However, especially after living there for a while, the couple realized that some of the design elements were better left in the past. The kitchen was tiny, for example, acting as a bottleneck to the breakfast area - an uninsulated addition that felt cold all winter. And frankly, it needed

volunteers as a docent at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio. "The houses in

a facelift. To help them address those problems while maintaining a period feel, the couple hired KitchenLab Interiors founder, Rebekah Zaveloff, who had thoughtfully renovated many old homes in the area, including several featured on the annual Kitchen Walk.

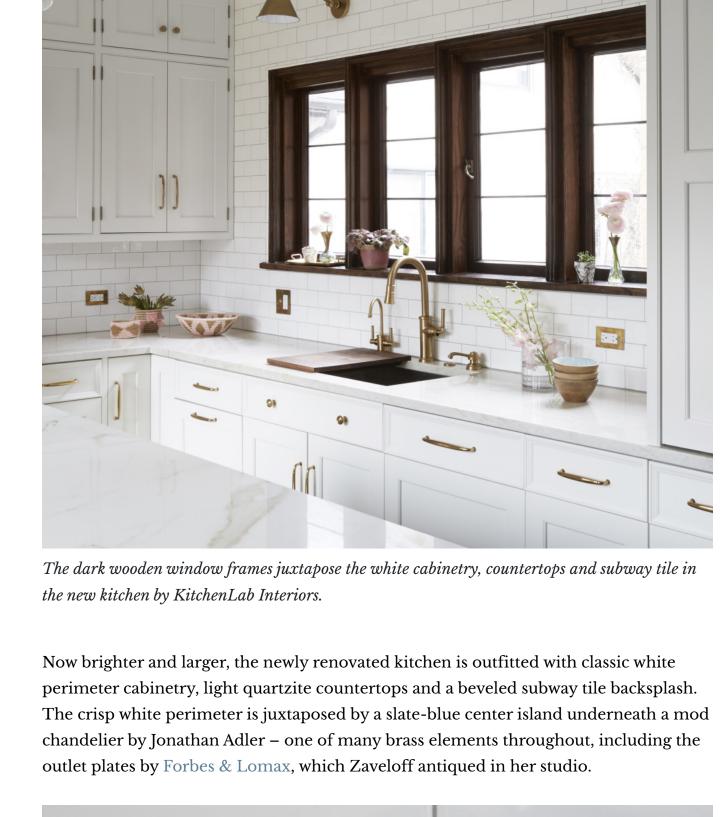
Deb had also seen her work featured in her favorite glossy shelter publications, never

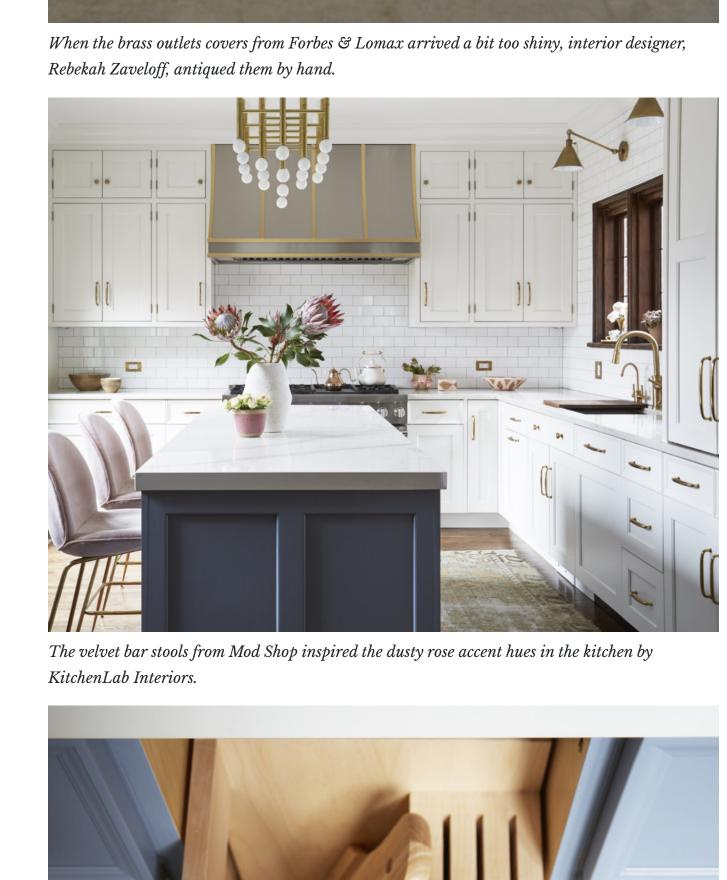
failing to fold down the proverbial corner. "Rebekah combines vintage and modern in a way that feels timeless," she says. After the young family decamped into a rented apartment, Zaveloff, project designer, Katherine Andrejevic, and builder, Gideon Lipnickas, of New Concept 180, kicked off the renovation. To enhance the flow and create more space, they eliminated a pantry, replaced the door between the kitchen and dining room with a larger arched opening and flipped the location of the breakfast area and kitchen – just a few of the many

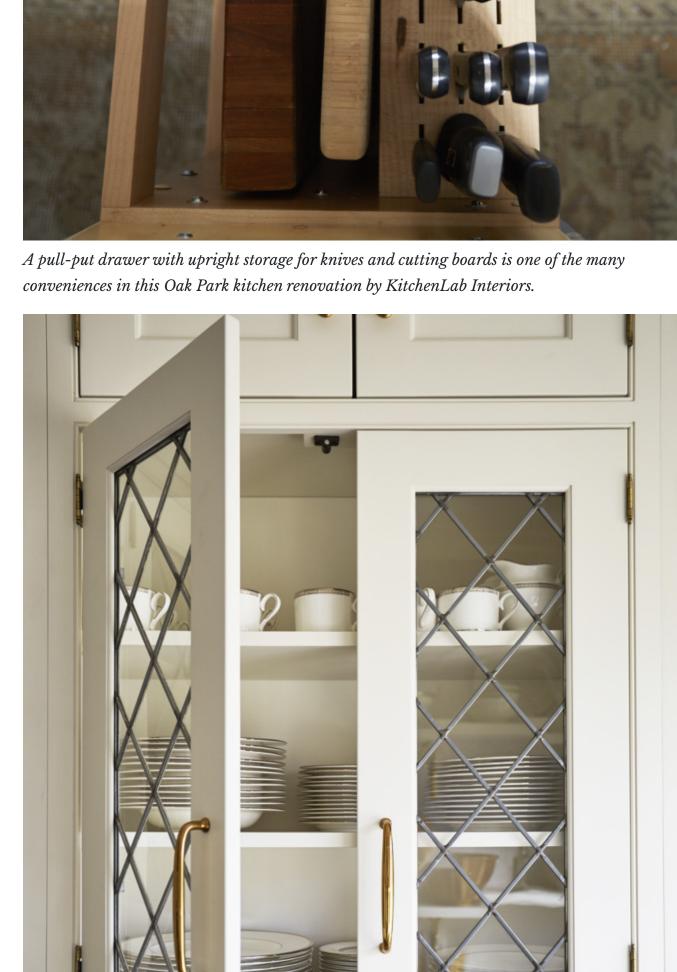


The breakfast area and kitchen are open to one another and the adjacent formal dining room,

creating one large space that's ideal for entertaining.







add a touch of vintage charm to the new cabinetry in the butler's pantry.

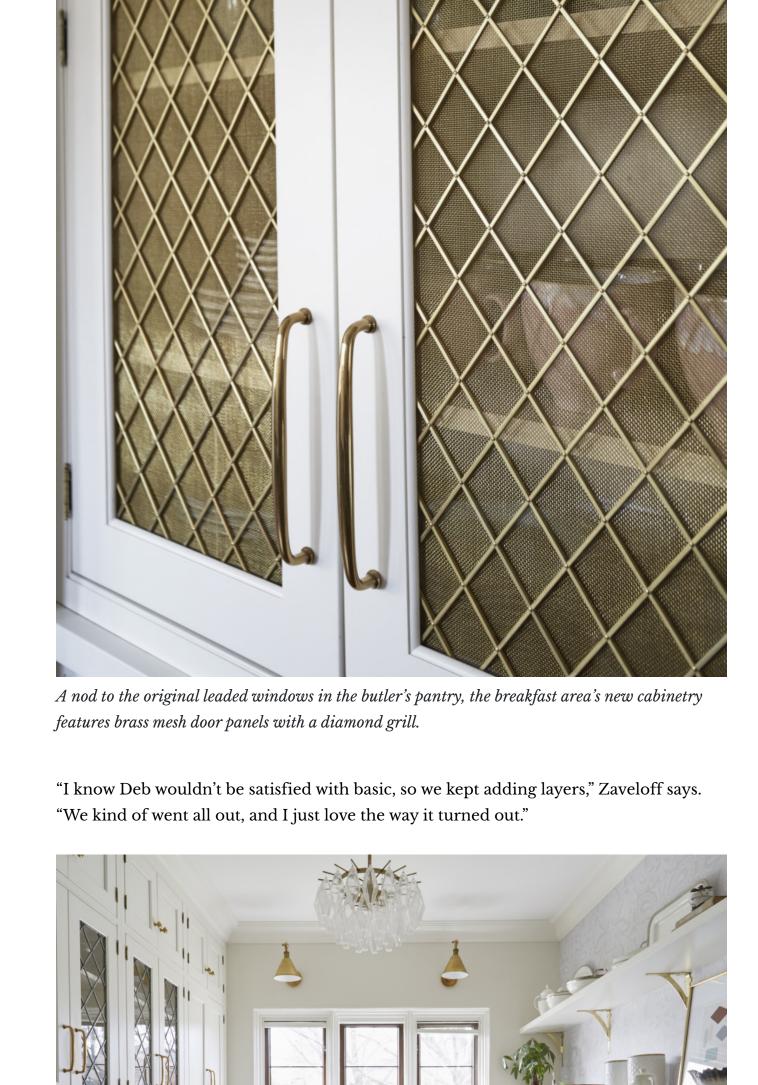
linen-covered bench and oak and leather chairs.

Originally part of a built-in that didn't survive the renovation, the leaded glass windows now

The warm metal flows into the breakfast area, where brass mesh doors with a diamond grill elevate the new built-in cabinetry flanking the entrance to the formal dining room.

An abstract painting atop a graphic wall covering by Phillip Jeffries takes things up a

notch, creating a dramatic backdrop for a vintage walnut pedestal table paired with a



Not just a place for additional storage, the handsome butler's pantry also includes a built-in desk

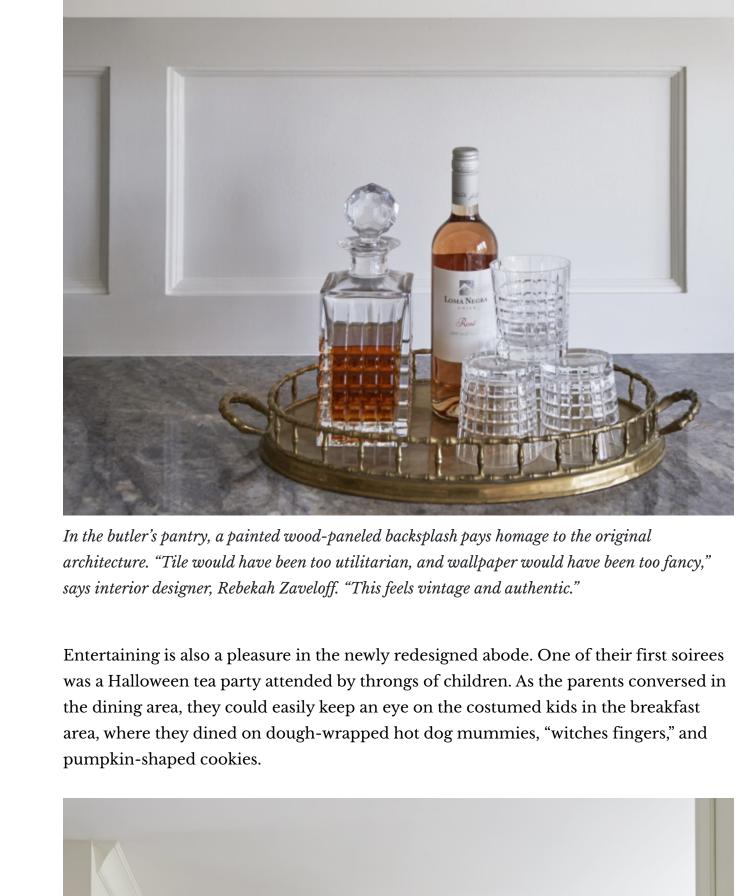
The designer's favorite space is the spacious, light-filled butler's pantry. There, a light tone-on-tone wallcovering from Lee Jofa complements the wood-paneled backsplash and custom cabinetry, where Zaveloff re-used leaded windows from an original built-

in that didn't survive the renovation. In front of the window, a walnut-topped desk

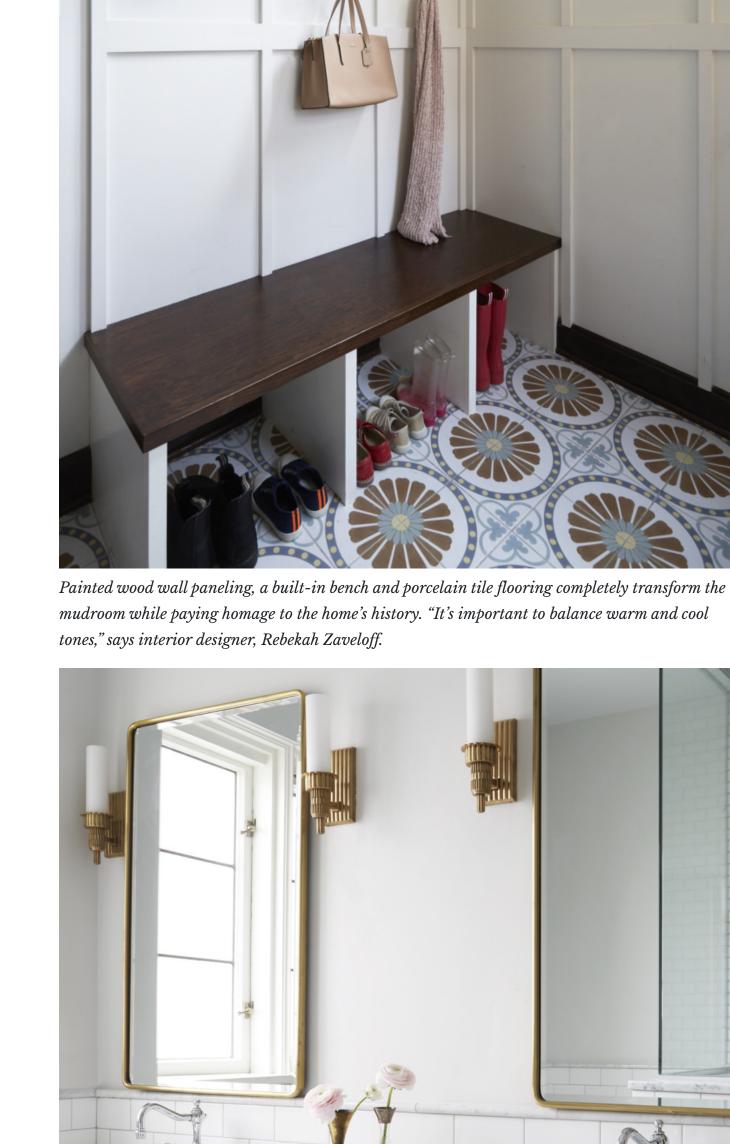
serves as an ideal space for Deb to work. "It's sunny and bright, so it's great for Zoom

with a walnut top. The chandelier is from Arteriors.

calls," she explains.



The wall covering by Phillip Jeffries is one of the many layers that interior designer, Rebekah Zaveloff, incorporated into the new breakfast area.



Timeless is the idea in the newly renovated master bathroom, which sports octagon floor tile,

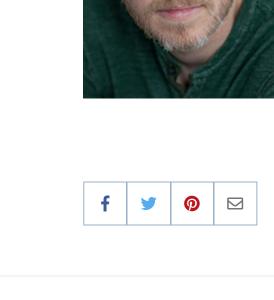
"It's fun to be here," Deb says. "It's fresh, open, sunny, elegant and usable all at the same

subway wall tile and an elegant painted vanity with brass hardware.

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