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## OLD KITCHEN NEW KITCHEN



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BEFORE: The kitchen was small and dark before remodeling.

Dwaine Carver of Trout Architects transforms a tiny, dark, non-functional kitchen in Boise into a bright, spacious masterpiece featured in the August issue of *Sunset* magazine

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**A** Boise architecture firm's light and airy kitchen design for a Foothills home is featured this month in *Sunset* magazine.

Designer Dwaine Carver of Trout Architects added 348 square feet of kitchen and dining area to the 1960s-era home of a Boise surgeon and his wife, an artist and yoga instructor.

The article "Art of the Kitchen Addition" highlights six remodeled kitchens around the country, including the Boise home and one in Gresham, Ore.

The Boise project, on Page 128, demonstrates "the glass bay idea."

"They wanted stronger connection between the indoors and outdoors, and they wanted a kitchen they could entertain in," Carver said.

"It was a really tiny kitchen and it was dark," the Owners said. "It was a non-functional kitchen for people who enjoy cooking. You couldn't open the dishwasher and the refrigerator door at the same time."

In his design, Carver created a truncated vault for the kitchen and dining room. A wall of windows separates the dining room and the patio, drawing the eye from the kitchen to the outdoors.

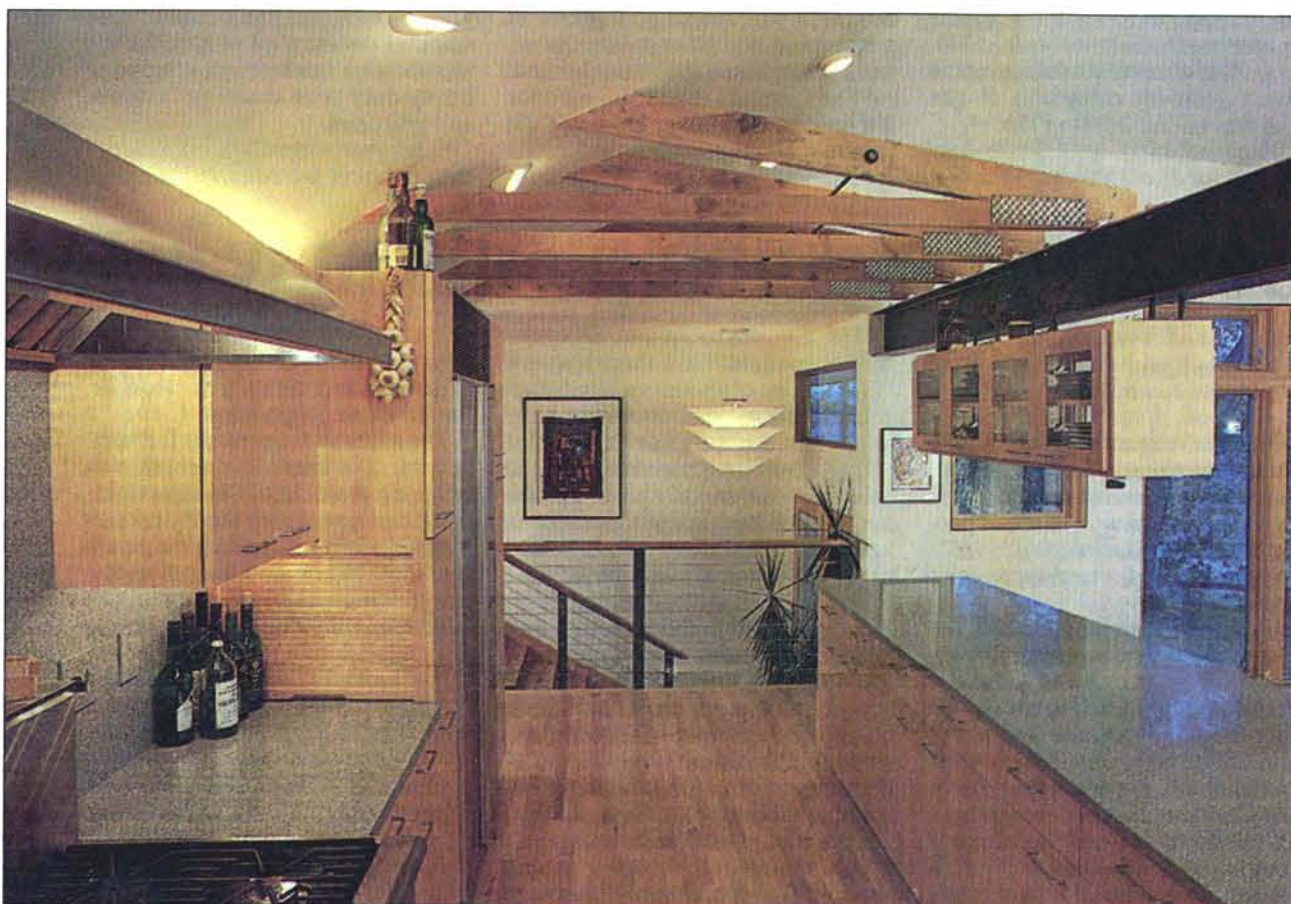
Carver extended the existing maple floor and used concrete flooring in the dining room. A steel beam runs dramatically across the kitchen above a Corian buffet counter. The patio was made of stone salvaged from the previous structure.

"It came together beautifully," the Owners said.

Daniel Gregory, home editor for *Sunset*, said the Boise project is a good example of Westerners' interest in opening their homes visually to the outdoors.

"It's one of our signature characteristics in the West," said Gregory, who noticed this project when Trout entered an interior-design contest. "This really celebrates that in an effective way, we thought."

"The kitchen has become the heart of the home. It's where people really live. As people have less and less time, when they get home all they want is to be together, especially in the West with its relaxed, informal lifestyle."



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**AFTER:** The new design for the kitchen and dining room opened up the interior space and let in light from a newly renovated patio (above). The new patio incorporated stone from the old patio (right). Windows bring the outside into the new dining room and kitchen.

