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Dreams of a white kitchen become a reality for West Coast homeowner Tracy Stonehouse with the help of designer Victoria McKenney.

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This kitchen is a hub for entertaining guests with its cozy stools, convenient bar sink and chef-style appliances.

DESIGN, Enviably Designs, enviablydesigns.com; Silver Quill 30GG 61/010 **WALL PAINT**, CIL Paint; **KITCHEN FABRICATION**, Eyco Building Group; Cloud White CC-40 **CABINERY PAINT**, Benjamin Moore; **CABINERY HARDWARE**, Emtex; Quartzforms **COUNTERTOPS**, Carrara marble **ISLAND COUNTERTOP**, Atlas Stone Products; **BACKSPASH TILES**, Olympia Tile + Stone; **FAUCET**, Moen; **STOOLS**, IKEA; **PENDANT LIGHTS**, Eureka Lighting.



LEFT It's all in the details: a herringbone-patterned backsplash inlay, leaded-glass upper cabinet doors, sparkling glass knobs and polished nickel pulls make this all-white kitchen feel extra special.

Marble herringbone mosaic
INLAY TILES, Creekside Tile.

BELOW Sleek new appliances were integrated into the floor-to-ceiling cabinetry.

MICROWAVE, Panasonic.

BOTTOM Homeowner Tracy Stonehouse and her precious Yorkshire terrier, Bella.



When Tracy Stonehouse and her husband, Diederik Emmen, first walked into this Tsawwassen, B.C., home, they were immediately sold on its great backyard, soaring vaulted ceilings and distant ocean views. What they weren't sold on was the very dated, oak-clad kitchen.

"I'd always wanted a white kitchen, but

had never had one," says Tracy. She was forever flipping through magazines, longingly admiring pristine marble-topped islands and classic white cabinetry and millwork. "It's no wonder that the first thing I did when we decided to renovate this kitchen was turn to the pages of *Style at Home* to find a designer."

That interior designer ended up being



ABOVE A shiny enamelled cast iron apron sink offers a country-style feel to the classic kitchen.

SINK, Kohler; **FAUCET**, Moen.

RIGHT Interior designer Victoria McKenney integrated millwork and furniture-inspired details, such as bookshelves and corbels, to enhance the simple Shaker-style cabinetry.

REFRIGERATOR, Samsung.



Victoria McKenney of Envious Designs in Vancouver. "From day one, Tracy and I were a perfect match," says Victoria. "She knew exactly what she wanted and I knew exactly what we had to do to get the look."

The first step for Victoria was to change the kitchen's floor plan. The tight U-shaped room was opened up to create a spacious 300-square-foot L-shaped space that embraces the adjacent family room. With an updated layout, Victoria could help Tracy realize her dreams of a white kitchen. She brought in simple Shaker-style cabinetry in a soft, clean white, as well as Carrara marble

for the island countertop and shiny white quartz for the perimeter. Grey-toned hardwood floors, along with a marble subway tile backsplash, provide texture and warmth to the all-white room. Custom details, such as leaded-glass upper cabinet doors, a sophisticated herringbone-patterned backsplash inlay above the range and sculptural glass pendant lights, impart a fresh, one-of-a-kind look.

"It's my feel-good space," says Tracy. "We entertain and hang out in here. In fact, one of my favourite memories is watching my son, who's now studying ballet in Toronto, sit at the island and do his homework."