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One Remodel by Jackson Kitchen Designs
Leads To Another



Even a beautiful 6-year-old colonial can require some customizing to meet the needs of a growing family. David and Michele Gaudin soon discovered that after relocating to Boxford several years ago. The first project on the list was to add a larger island with more seating to the kitchen. The Gaudins knew what they wanted to accomplish but didn't know where to begin. "That's when we discovered Jackson Kitchen Designs," said David. "Our designer, Lucy Ross gave us great advice and ideas on how we could accomplish what we wanted." At that point, the Gaudins decided to redo their entire kitchen to create a more open concept. After fine-tuning and refining the plans, the finished kitchen gave them the family-friendly design and functionality they wanted. In the process, Ross worked with the Gaudins on the first floor bath redesign and kid's bathroom redesign as well.

So, when it was time to complete their backyard with a pool cabana, it was no surprise that the Gaudins again turned to Jackson Kitchen Designs and Ross. Once they put in the pool, Michele and David quickly realized that with one flight of stairs up to the kitchen and bathroom in the house, a cabana would be a very logical and welcome addition. The idea was to create an easy outside area for playing and entertaining.

With a 14' x 24' footprint and cathedral ceilings, the poolside cabana now boasts a kitchen, full bath, bar, and a large-screen TV. Although it is heated and air-conditioned, the oversized 16' x 8' sliders facing the pool can be opened to create an outdoor feeling when desired. Ross and Jackson Kitchen Designs rose to the challenge to create a functional space with cabinetry that compliments and conceals appliances with a flush, seamless design. This required customizing every drawer and cabinet. "They did a great job. We are very pleased!" said Michele. "We are very detail oriented, and Lucy was amazing to work with. She was very patient, always prepared, and very accommodating to our busy schedules."

The finished cabana is now a space where the Gaudin family can kick back and relax or entertain large groups. David acted as general contractor for all of the home remodeling projects they have done so far. He is proud of the great team of local professionals in every trade who helped him get the job done, but he particularly appreciates the guidance and technical expertise provided by the Jackson Kitchen Design team.

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Facing page: Pool cabana kitchen with textured laminate cabinets by Cabico. Wall cabinets feature Soho finish and base cabinets are in Frappe finish. Top right: The inside kitchen features Brookhaven cabinets with Vintage finish on the main perimeter and cherry wood with Candlelight finish on the island. Bottom right: This view of the pool cabana kitchen island highlights the flush seamless design of the cabinetry and the two-tiered countertop.