

Prairie Village, KS

Transitional Cottage



Inspiration



Design Concept Statement

This transitional cottage design *harmoniously* blends the charm of an English cottage with the softness of a cottage garden. This aesthetic is updated with the sophistication of modern design, creating a cozy yet polished sanctuary. The design offers the owners a space to showcase a *variety* of meaningful artwork and accessories collected over the years. The kitchen's *focal point*—a distinctive double-oven range—serves as both a statement piece and a practical centerpiece for cooking family meals. Layered *lighting* plays a central role, with abundant natural light complemented by carefully placed task and accent lighting. Dimmable under-cabinet lights in the kitchen are versatile, transitioning seamlessly between task and mood lighting. Durable finishes, including ceramic tiles with high PEI ratings and DCOF values, ensure longevity and safety in the kitchen and bathroom. Area rugs and inviting furniture soften these hard surfaces with plush *texture*. A soothing palette of soft *colors* and neutrals *unifies* each space, fostering a calming atmosphere throughout the home while *patterned* accessories add visual interest. Vertical and horizontal *lines* are softened by organic *forms*, while asymmetrically *balanced* seating arrangements introduce an approachable, informal elegance. Ample closed storage keeps the home clutter-free and maintains its serene aesthetic. Natural materials—wood, stone, and brick—infuse the design with rustic warmth, reinforcing its cottage roots. The result is a refined interpretation of the cottage style: modern, somewhat minimalist, and effortlessly welcoming. This transitional cottage embodies quiet luxury-- a space that is both homey and sophisticated.

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Client Profile – Rachel Best



- Mid-forties, married with two children (12 & 10) and two small dogs.
- Busy family; full schedules with work, school, and extracurricular activities.
- Loves cooking but not baking.
- Enjoys nature.
- Loves having the family together and desires a home that encourages togetherness in the common areas while offering a peaceful retreat from the world.

Room	Items to be Included	Wants and Needs	Mood
En Suite Bathroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typical toiletries, towels, styling tools, etc.	<p>Wants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light, muted colors, neutrals• Natural light, if possible• No open shelving• Free-standing/furniture style vanity with double sinks <p>Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Storage, no clutter• Durable, low maintenance finishes• Ample lighting at vanity and in shower area• Walk-in shower	<p>This en suite, primary bathroom should implement soft colors to contribute to a light and airy feel. I want my bathroom to be a calming place to relax and refresh. This bathroom will be utilized by the adults in the home.</p>
Kitchen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small appliances: air fryer, large mixer, coffee machine, toaster, pressure cooker, slow-cooker.• Cookware• Dishes and silverware, etc.• Placemats, cloth napkins, other linens.	<p>Wants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light, muted colors; neutrals• Plenty of storage <p>Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ample storage for dishes, pots & pans, small appliances, and food for small appliances; no clutter• Durable, low maintenance finishes on every surface (kid and pet-friendly)• Dishwasher• Extra oven space, double oven or range with two ovens• Ample lighting including natural light• No open shelving• Space at least two cooks and ample prep space.	<p>Our kitchen is a space frequently utilized by the entire family. The children and I both enjoy cooking. This kitchen design should be an inviting, yet functional place for the family with a cozy, cheery feel. Ideally, the kitchen would be open to a living area.</p>

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