

Kitchen Pass – Through Upgrade

When I moved into my house I found that the previous owner had built a bar type shelf over the pass through area. The shelf was not particularly well built and I decided to replace it with a counter and some stools for seating.

My first step was the design of a counter top which, in my case, was hardwood with special wood inlays including some of the wonderful turn of the century French banding available at the time through Lee Valley.

I commissioned this custom piece of work from a local cabinetmaker who delivered a superb quality product.

The wooden countertop is about twenty four inches wide and spans the pass through opening. It is constructed of a plywood base with hardwood overlays and solid hardwood edges throughout.

Above the pass through counter I installed halogen pot lighting that is switched from a switch installed behind the current kitchen lights switch and slightly higher.

With stools from IKEA I have created an area where friends can enjoy a pre dinner drink while I cook in the kitchen and also a useful “buffet” surface on which dishes can be placed prior to and during serving.