

Switching Living and Dining Rooms

For those Adelaide owners who have walkout basements, there is the possibility to fill in the hole on the main floor and to switch the dining room to the other side of the main floor.

To fill in the hole involves extending existing floor joists, adding subfloor and extending hardwood flooring and repairing the ceiling in the basement.

This is a large project which was completed at my house by the previous owner. It is likely that some members of the group have either completed this part of this project themselves or had a contractor complete the task.

I look for further feedback in the discussion section of the on-line network platform.

In my case, the issue was lighting as I wanted a chandelier over the dining room table in the new dining room area.

First, I replaced the light fixture in the old dining room with track lighting using the same box and switch as had previously existed for the old dining room arrangement.

I then determined that the ceiling joists ran in the direction required enabling me to install a new ceiling box above the new location for the dining room table.

Using a stud finder I determined where the joist closest to my desired location was and I opened a ceiling hole large enough to accept a ceiling box over the new dining room table location.

Then I opened the ceiling inside the kitchen at the entry door end of the pass through (The existing kitchen light switch is also there). I fished a wire vertically after opening another small hole in the wall where it meets the ceiling.

Then I got very lucky as there was already a large enough hole in the beam above to fish the wire through and into the new ceiling box some ten feet away.

There were so many wires already in the kitchen switch box that I decided to add another double switch on the other side of that wall and slightly higher enabling me to make all the required electrical connections.

At the same time, I opened the ceiling immediately above the pass through and installed pot style halogen lighting controlled by one of the aforementioned new switches. There is further information on this part of this project under the section titled "Pass Through Upgrade".