



"Everybody was really great. Wayne was so easy to work with, and funny," shared Becky. "The contractor started the first week in January. We ordered the cabinets in February and they were installed in April. The whole project however took seven months."

Historic homes come with a special responsibility to steward their care into the next century -- the kitchen especially must have the right treatment. Becky knew what she wanted and she knew when she found it, she would know. Because of a chance meeting on the street, W. Stephens Cabinetry became the place where her dreams were realized.

"I had this vision for my kitchen for a long time," Becky smiled, "I couldn't be happier with it. This is my home. I have no plans to sell this home ever."

Becky traveled to Ft. Mitchell to the W. Stephens Cabinetry & Design showroom and found exactly the cabinets she wanted.

"When I saw the cabinets I just knew," smiled Becky "There was no point in looking any further. I honestly didn't know how much, or how expensive they were, but it was like 'my house deserved it!'"

Becky first found the tile she wanted for her kitchen, a beautiful glass aqua subway tile. She knew that color had to be in the kitchen. "When I went to look

If you would like to see what your dream kitchen could look like, come to the W. Stephens Cabinetry & Design Showroom on the corner of Dixie Highway and Orphanage Rd. in Ft. Mitchell. You can also call 859-205-5418 and make an appt. with one of their designers or check out the website at: wstephens.com.

Dreaming of a Historic Kitchen Makeover

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Becky Mills waited 31 years for the opportunity to remodel the kitchen in her 1867 historic Italianate home in Lexington. But every other room took precedence. The existing kitchen had a small footprint; the dishwasher required a hand connection to the sink and there was limited storage. She knew, whenever it happened, it was going to be messy and take several months.

"I had been watching HGTV for a while, so I had my kitchen planned for a long time," she said. "There were must haves; quartz countertops, a recycling center and spice drawers, actually, lots of drawers. And an island and of course, the dishwasher."

But who do you entrust this historic kitchen to?

Becky shared, "My neighbor across the street was new. He was walking by with his dog one day and I asked what he did for a living. He said 'I am a kitchen remodeler'. I was with my daughter and granddaughter, and we looked at each other and said... 'well it just so happens!' He knew Wayne Stephens, from W. Stephens Cabinetry and made the introduction."



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at cabinet samples, I went through several and that color (Vintage Silver Pine) just drew me, it was a perfect match – I will not get tired of it!" The lighter colored cabinetry is Vintage Nordic White and all are from Brookhaven Cabinetry.

Wayne Stephens carefully created all the drawings by hand, ensuring every area was precisely measured. "There was an empty space in the corner, and I thought I might put the refrigerator there," Becky shared. "Wayne was the one that suggested that we do the built-in buffet and I love it. It added cabinetry, more countertop space and a place for more tile. I love the herringbone pattern we added. I thought about getting shaker cabinets first but boy, when I saw those cabinets I just knew. The cabinets just feel like velvet," smiled Becky.

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