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Dear Steve,

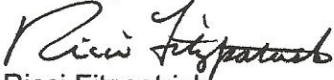
Now that I have lived with the new kitchen and laundry room for a few months, I can tell you what I really think of them. They make the entire house much more livable for me. It has been absolutely fantastic to be able to do the laundry without making numerous trips to the basement, and the kitchen is wonderful to work in. People who visit always comment on how nice the kitchen is, and for a budget job it looks really fantastic. Since I spend so much time in the kitchen, I really appreciate being able to cook on the stove now without doing major contortions.

I made a mistake in not using your design with the two steps coming from the back door together. I tend to fall off the top step when I am using the laundry sink, so we will probably need to do something about that before I twist or break something. Everything else works well as designed and built. Building the wall in front of the back door was a stroke of genius as it keeps the cold air trapped in there, so even though we didn't replace the door with something more energy efficient, it is not significantly affecting the heating load in the house. The recycling bins fit exactly where they were supposed to go, and we even managed to fit Robby's desk in next to the freezer. It's a little tight, but he likes having his desk and computer on the main floor, and I won't let him have the computer in his room. I am very glad that we thought of the double doors coming in from the storage area as we have already had to use them to move some things in and out. It would have been much more difficult with just a standard door there.

I really appreciated your working with us to stay within our budget while still providing high quality work. We essentially ended up with a custom kitchen for standard cabinet prices due to your willingness to go the extra mile and cut down one of the cabinets to make the space "feel better" to me.

If anyone wants to see what one of your "budget" kitchens look like, have them call me to come see ours. They will see that they get a lot for the money.

Sincerely,

  
Ricci Fitzpatrick