

Look No. 2

# Clean Country

**THE ASK:** Since her clients didn't want to leave their family home but *did* need more room to grow, designer Olivia Botrie knew she would need to get creative. The Dart Studio designer began by spearheading a modest two-storey expansion of 75 square feet per floor. This opened things up significantly in the kitchen, and got the owners' creative juices flowing. More storage and counter space, a devoted eating area and a stronger visual connection to their backyard were all top priority. An open-concept design, however, wasn't: "They liked the cosy feel of their old home," says Olivia.

**THE OUTCOME:** In addition to offering more workspace, a sweet dining spot and outdoor views, this renovation also brought the owners' designer kitchen dreams to life. "They had an inspiration shot of a gorgeous Joseph Conran kitchen featuring pale green

cabinetry with warm wood and Carrara marble," says Olivia. She opted for barely-there sage cabinets, engineered white oak floors and spindle-back chairs for a similar heritage vibe. A minimal pendant light and flat-front doors throw a bit of modern style into the mix. "It's a kitchen that speaks to both contemporary and traditional sensibilities," she says.



BY THE NUMBERS

SQ.FT.:  
215

BANQUETTE  
CAPACITY:

5

QUIRKY PIECES  
OF ART:

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"I love the neutral tone and spare, clean quality of the floors," says Olivia. **Flooring** by Kraus, *Allan Rug Company*; **cabinetry design**, *Dart Studio*; **cabinetry fabrication**, *Kacpol Woodworking*; honed Carrara marble **countertop** and **backsplash**, *Solid Stone*.



Soft grey-green cabinets set this kitchen apart from the crowd, but are a very livable choice. **Cabinetry colour**, Mizzle (266), *Farrow & Ball*; **hardware**, Richelieu; **vent hood** by Vent-A-Hood, **stove** by KitchenAid, *Tasco Appliances*; **pot**, *KitchenAid*; **runner, black cutting boards, tea towel**, *Elte*.

*Clerestory windows let in natural light and maintain privacy*

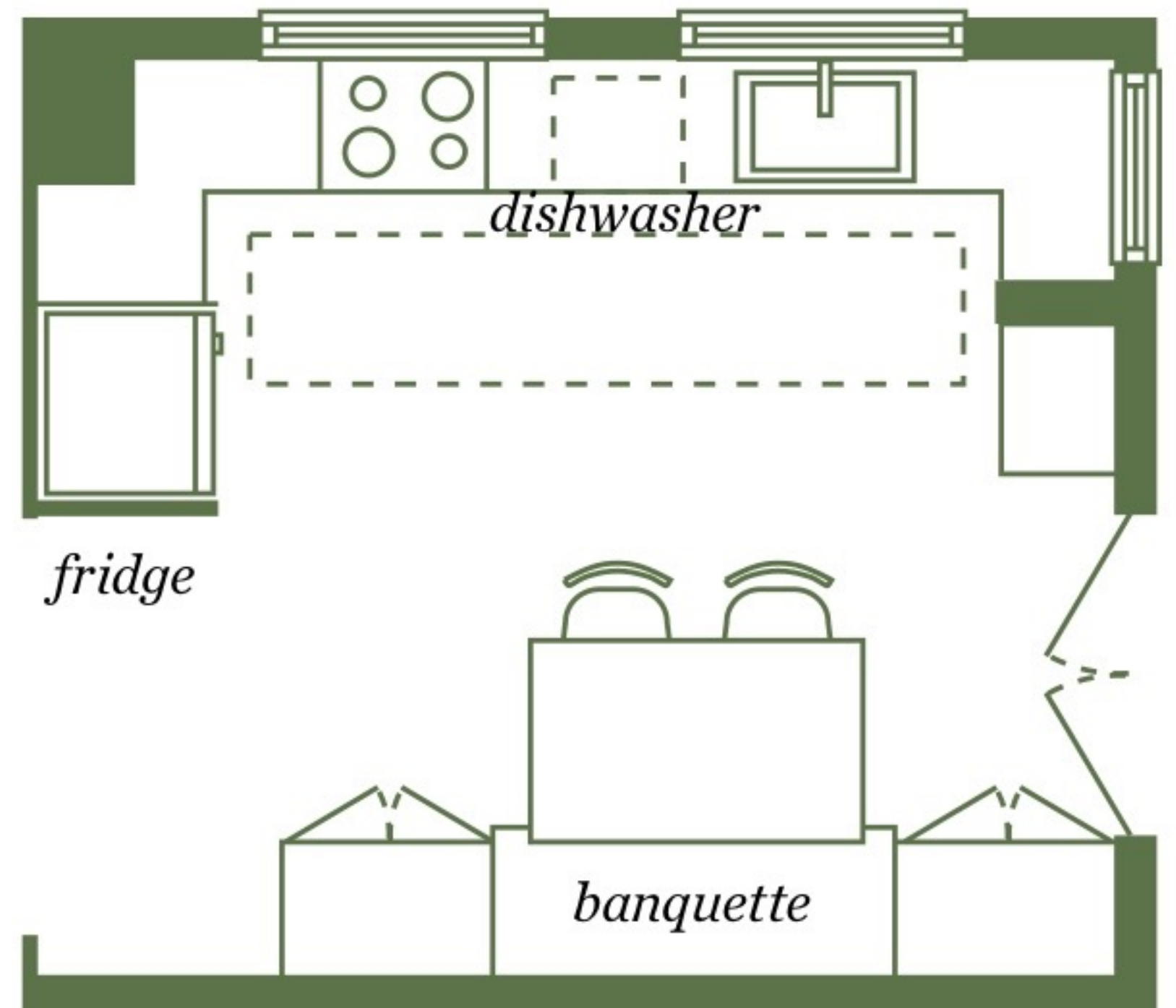


***BIGGER ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER. WE DIDN'T NEED TO DOUBLE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE TO MEET THIS FAMILY'S NEEDS***

*—Olivia Botrie*

Floor plan illustration by Josh Wiggers

**THE FLOOR PLAN**





*A paisley-inspired print elevates an upholstered bench*

A vintage table and upholstered bench make the banquette a natural gathering place. **Wall colour**, Silver Satin (OC-26), Benjamin Moore; **pendant**, West Elm; **chair**, EQ3; **banquette fabrication**, Teb Interiors; **banquette fabric** by Thibaut, Kravet Canada; **artwork**, Erin Rothstein; **throw pillows**, Elte.



Black french doors frame the outdoor view. “The banquette has become the ideal spot to eat, hang out, do homework and chat while enjoying the view of the backyard,” says Olivia. **Doors**, *Dundas Wood Windows*; **bowl** (on table), *Found*.





“We wanted to increase natural light while also maintaining privacy, so we chose to use clerestory windows on the street-facing side of the house,” Olivia explains. A simple wooden shelf hung below is perfect for houseplants. **Faucet** by Delta, **sink** by Elkay, **Roman Bath Centre**.



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### Get the Look



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1. Egg print by TheHappyYogi. \$13. Through [Etsy](#). 2. 3-Piece Metallic serving utensil set. \$29 (without canister). Through [Urban Outfitters](#). 3. Copper teapot. \$90. At [CB2](#). 4. Misted Green (2138-50). Through [Benjamin Moore](#).

