

Our Kitchen Remodel October 2012



We replaced the kitchen counters because they looked kind of dated and tacky, and while we were at it, we replaced the sink with one below the counter, because it's easier to clean around and because it takes up less counter space.



The crew came in and demolished the tile backsplash and counters in one morning. They made these templates of the bases to make sure that the new granite would be made to fit. The range hood over our gas cooktop was removed too, and it was suggested that we might want to replace the old hood too at this time. We hadn't talked about that, but it made sense to get one that wouldn't clash with the new work.



In a couple of days, the crew came back with three pieces of granite to fit together for the counter (one more for the desk). It took four guys to lift the pieces onto the bases and muscle them into place.





The counter came with the sink installed, the counter guy drilled a hole for the faucet, but the plumbing was up to me. We'd decided that we should replace the disposal unit now instead of waiting for the old one (possibly as old as the house) to fail, so all the plumbing under the sink was new. The new sink is deeper than the old one, and its starting point below the counter is lower, so everything was in a different place. That created some space issues and gave me the opportunity to learn first how little I knew about plumbing and second how easy it was once I figured it out after two days of frustration and trying the wrong thing. We installed an under-counter filter on the cold water and figured that might complicate things further, but the water connections were easy.



The final result, including the new stainless steel range hood.



Final picture showing comparison with first picture.