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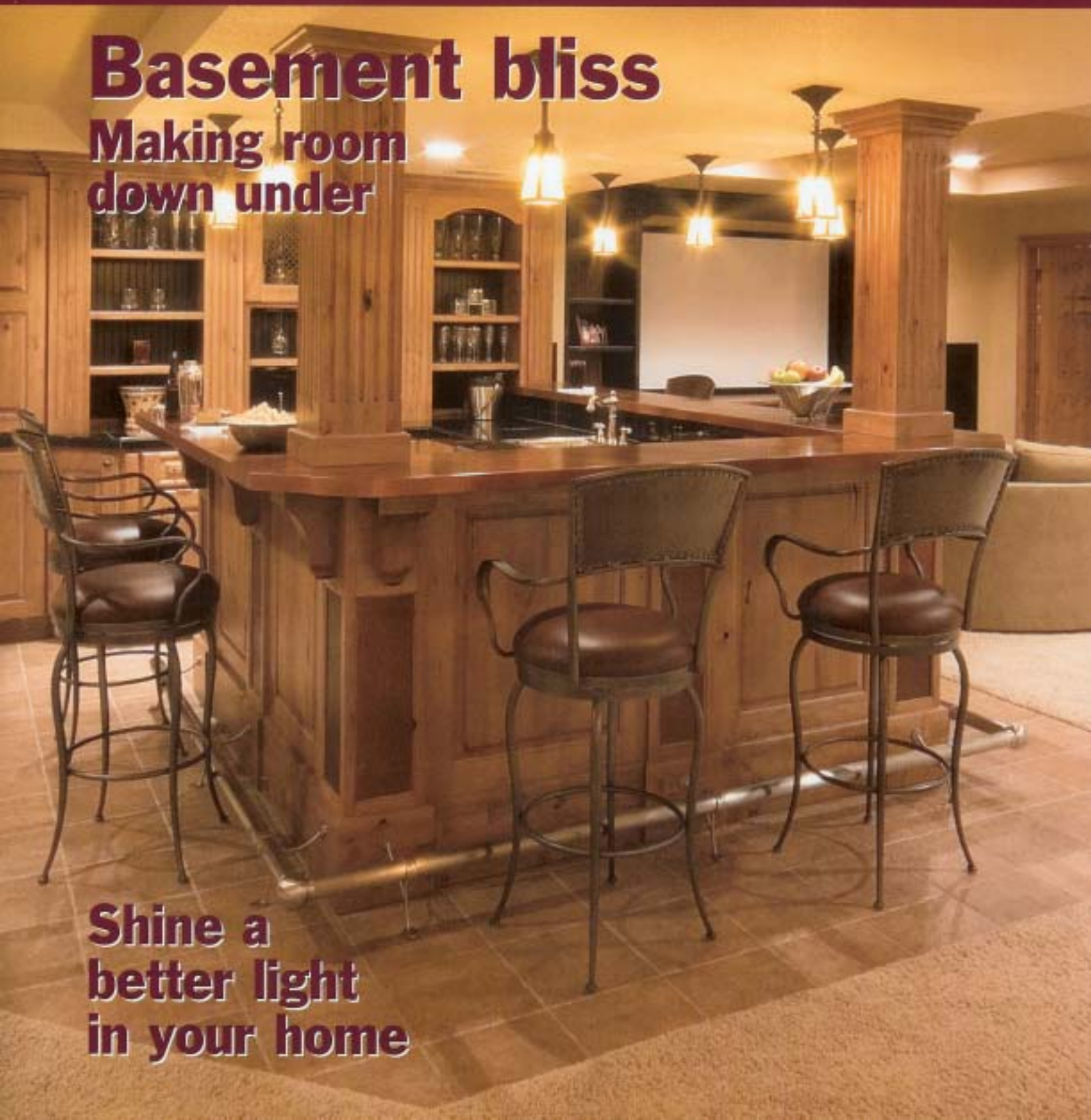
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BEFORE

Dark window frames and cabinets were brightened up to help with this kitchen remodel.

With their son's marriage just around the corner, a couple in Washington Park decided it was time to upgrade the kitchen before the wedding festivities began.

That became a challenge for C. Roes Ramp of Alchemy Interiors in Denver.

Ramp said with approximately one month for design and three months for construction, it was a challenge to get the project completed on time.

In general, Ramp said the goal was to update the kitchen with more storage, better lighting and a cleaner look all while maintaining the bungalow style found throughout Wash Park.

The challenges included eliminating the window-to-window view that neighbors often have when their homes are built fairly close to each other. Although the homeowners first considered eliminating windows in the kitchen, Ramp said she helped them keep the windows and daytime light by





More storage and brighter space helped make this project successful.



Tile work behind the Viking stove creates a focal point.

installing the right window treatments. The shades can be raised or lowered to cover views while allowing sunlight.

A variety of other issues were addressed:

- When open, the oven door blocked the entrance to the kitchen. Ramp said it was moved near the refrigerator to

help with circulation.

- With the use of tiles behind the Viking stove top, the area became a focal point in the kitchen.

- As for countertops, Ramp said her client had wanted soapstone for years, and she got her wish.

- Recessed lighting was installed with

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dimmer switches to provide ambiance or task lighting. Additionally, under cabinet lighting and spotlights were used.

- Shaker-style cabinets were installed, helping to round out “a casual but classical look” the clients sought.

Because the kitchen was located in an addition completed years ago on the house, Ramp said it allowed her to feature some design elements that tied back into the home’s original design, making it less obvious that it was an

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addition. "There is always a challenge in helping a client understand what the end product will look like," Ramp said. "This was definitely a success."

Not only was the project completed in time for the wedding, Ramp made another important discovery. She worked with Don Hanson, owner of Hanson Construction, for the first time. It went so well, she now is working on other projects with Hanson. "He did an absolutely amazing job," she said. "He kept the place clean and was on schedule. I couldn't ask for anything more." ■



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