

Competition Scenario

This year's competition invites you to reimagine the kitchen and primary bath for Camila and Mateo Williams-Garcia and their vibrant family of five. Residing in the lively Dallas-area neighborhood of Preston Hollow, the Williams-Garcias are deeply rooted in their community and envision their home as the heart of family, friendship, and function. With three active children, plus a rotating door of friends, neighbors, and relatives, this household regularly hosts gatherings of all sizes. Your challenge is to design spaces that support their lifestyle now and into the future, with bold style, thoughtful organization, and warm hospitality at the forefront.

Meet the Williams-Garcias

Camila is the CFO of a successful Dallas-based law firm, while Mateo works as a nurse at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Outside of his career, Mateo is a board member of their neighborhood HOA and co-chairs the quarterly block party. Camila and Mateo have three active children, ranging from middle school to high school. Their eldest daughter, Elena, is a high school junior who enjoys playing soccer and competing in her school's annual robotics competition. Emilio, their son, is an eighth-grader who plays football and participates on the debate team. Their youngest, Gabriela, is in sixth grade and loves tennis and theater. Each of the kids enjoys cooking and frequently initiates baking projects or helps their parents in the kitchen.

With one child already thinking about college, Camila and Mateo are thoughtfully preparing their forever home to grow with their family. They know how quickly time passes and want to create a space that not only supports their kids into adulthood but also welcomes them back with open arms. For them, this home is a foundation for every chapter to come.

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Kitchen Remodel:

The kitchen is the epicenter of the Williams-Garcia home, and they are seeking a design that enhances both everyday living and frequent entertaining. The new kitchen must accommodate dual cooks with induction cooking, expanded fresh food storage, and a discrete “back of house” scullery area equipped with an additional sink and dishwasher to manage cleanup behind the scenes. A designated beverage station outside of the main fridge is essential, and the layout should support casual weekday breakfasts with at least three counter-height seats, while also offering flexibility for larger table gatherings. The design should celebrate Camila’s love of maximalist style, with curated color and pattern combinations, and Mateo’s passion for biophilic design, ensuring a seamless visual and spatial connection to their well-used backyard and patio.

Primary Bath Remodel:

The couple’s primary suite must offer a serene escape from their bustling household. Think spa-like sanctuary with a cozy, sophisticated atmosphere. Camila and Mateo envision a spacious, dual-temperature shower, two vanities (together or separate), and a layout that allows for some commode privacy without the need for a separate room. While reconfiguring the closet space is optional, maintaining equivalent storage is key. Enhancements such as a small built-in fridge for sparkling water and skincare, and access to warm towels, will elevate their daily routine. Walls within the primary suite may be relocated freely, offering flexibility to design a retreat that truly reflects their needs and personalities.

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Key Property Information:

- The overall home design, including the exterior, is considered transitional, blending traditional and modern elements.
- No changes may be made to any exterior windows or walls in the entire home: the client recently replaced all their doors and windows.
- Walls surrounding the two stairways cannot be modified.
- Appliances from any brand are permitted.

Kitchen-Specific Information

- The garage door entry cannot move.
- The load-bearing beam between the kitchen and breakfast/family rooms must remain: it cannot be recessed into the floor above. The 30" wall to the right of the beam cannot be moved.
- Walls around the downstairs half bath may not be moved, but the two pantries can be deleted/relocated.
- The entry from the kitchen/pantry area to the dining room may be opened or relocated. Other than altering the entry, the dining room cannot be changed.
- There is a mudroom space in the garage; no need to add a mudroom space to the kitchen.
- The same flooring continues throughout the kitchen, breakfast nook, dry bar, and pantry areas. Changes to flooring are welcome but must be addressed accordingly.

Primary Bath-Specific Information

- Upstairs, the primary bedroom, hallway, and bath/closet off bedroom 3 may not be modified: all the walls inside the primary bathroom/closet suite may be deleted/relocated.
- The entry from the primary bedroom to the bathroom/suite may be relocated.
- The gym already includes a full bath.

The Floor Plans

The floor plans below are for reference only and are NOT to scale. Please see additional download for full size floor plan prints.

