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## PROJECT PROFILE

### Kitchen Remodeling: How to Get Your Groove On

Dance. That's what the countertop chalkboard says in the Killgore's Eugene, Oregon kitchen. "When we get together, we usually end up dancing in the kitchen," says Sally Kilgore.

She and her husband Steve wanted space for their five grown children and nine grandchildren to cut a rug during the holidays. Their 1977 five-bedroom ranch certainly had the space — but it was laid out all wrong — and Sally wasn't about to move.

"My father was a restless soul," she says. "I moved 27 times in my first 26 years and I never want to move again."

So the Killgores met with a design and kitchen remodeling team from Neil Kelly. "Our job is to find out what the clients' needs are", says Eugene Design Consultant, Matt White. "The existing kitchen functioned, but was cut off from the rest of the house," he says.



Sally, daughter Emily, mom Shirley, Steve Killgore and daughter Katie shake it up to *Single Ladies* from Beyonce. Photo Credit: Oregon Home and Stickley Photography.





From the time of their first meeting with Matt the Killgores' needs changed. Five months after their youngest daughters' backyard wedding reception, the Killgores now had Sally's mother living with them. In addition to the kitchen remodeling project they needed to accommodate three adults living under one roof. And they still needed a great room that could double as a great dance hall. The design team created several options—rough sketches of layouts. "At first it was hard to visualize the space," Sally says. But the couple knew it when they saw it. The plan they chose called for creating a large open kitchen/family/dining room. The plan includes a master bedroom for Sally's mother and a new wing serving as the couple's suite retreat. The kitchen remodeling idea also included a new master bedroom and real wine room on the other side of the party zone.



BEFORE

The family's need to get funky didn't end in the kitchen. "They are people who really like to entertain outdoors as well," says Matt. "And they were sort of making due with a patio that didn't quite fit their needs." So the Neil Kelly design team came up with a groovy kitchen remodeling idea that brings the indoors out by adding a fireplace that is viewable from the interior and exterior. Add a flat screen TV that's protected by the elements—because as we all know—it never rains in Eugene.

The Killgore family is now free to dance their hearts out, and they've left a lasting impression with our Design Consultant: "They were absolutely great folks to work with," Matt says. "And I'm happy they enjoy their new space." Besides, life's too short to not get funky and dance.

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