

▲ Custom French doors and windows in the 23 x 17-foot kitchen enhance a lakeside vista once partially obscured by wall cabinets. A granite-topped island offers a sink, work surface and storage.

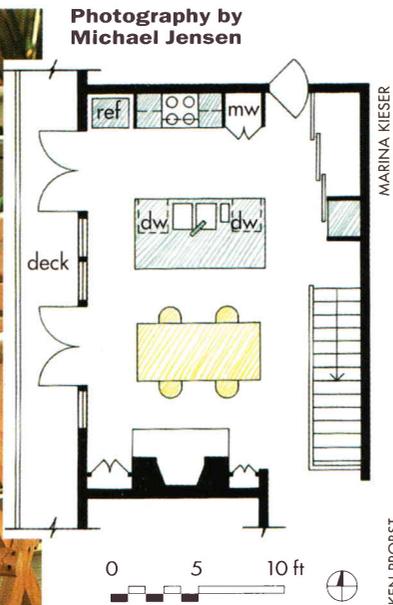
LIKE SO MANY HOUSES constructed during the 1960s, this Seattle home failed to exploit the potential of its setting. In this case, a lake view from the kitchen was squandered by too few and too small windows. The room's U-shaped layout, dark-stained woodwork and cabinets and lack of detailing made it hardly inviting. Recognizing the good "bones" of the room, architect Luther Hintz, AIA, and interior designer Pamela Pearce, ASID, set about making amends. The architect reoriented the layout with a contemporary open plan that flows into a sunny dining area. They removed the leg of the old U-shaped plan that ran along the west, lake-facing wall, greatly expanding the window area. The adjacent deck was extended. Inside, cabinets are new and details, such as the custom stainless steel hood over the cooktop, were carefully chosen.

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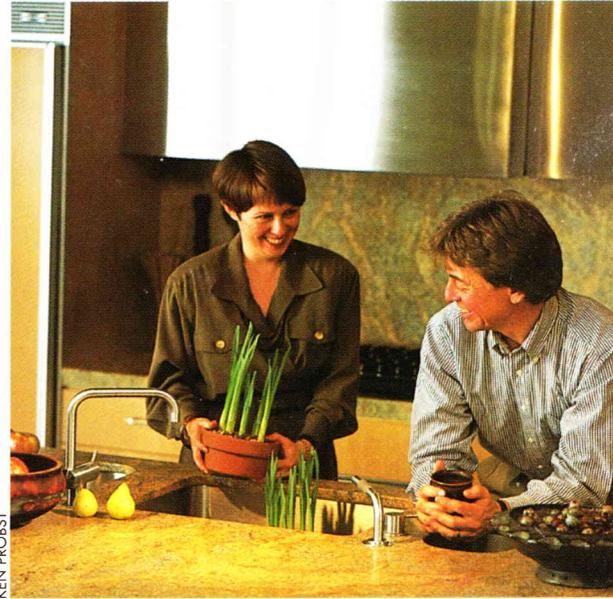
"Choose materials to blend with the natural surroundings."



Easier access makes this previously under-used deck a perfect place to enjoy an afternoon snack.



▲ An original bank of cabinets along the kitchen's west wall was removed and replaced with expansive windows and glass doors.



▲ Materials such as wood, granite and steel were chosen by designer Pamela Pearce and architect Luther Hintz to complement the kitchen's ties to the outdoors. **Shopping Guide, page 120**