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They bought a new stove during this remodel but kept their other appliances since they had been replaced in recent years.

Nick built new cherry cabinets for the kitchen, using old railroad spikes to make the pulls. He is still planning to make bar stools, as well as a canning hutch for the breezeway, a bedroom set for their master bedroom (with Maggie's help), and a cabinet for laundry room.

He also plans to renovate the basement in the future, adding a bedroom, a bathroom, and a family room. Their last planned project is to redo the main-floor bathroom.

Their new roof is steel - something Nick insisted on because of its durability and due to the pitch of the roof - and they added a gable to the front of the house, over the new front door, to eliminate ice in winter.

Overall, the project turned out "as good or better than we planned," reported Nick.

Nick, according to Maggie, has worked incredibly hard to make their house feel like a home. Now, the whole family knows how talented Nick is.

"Dad can just build it," the kids will say. So when he says "no" now, it doesn't have quite the same impact. "We have the utmost confidence in him," explained Maggie. "He can't fool us anymore."



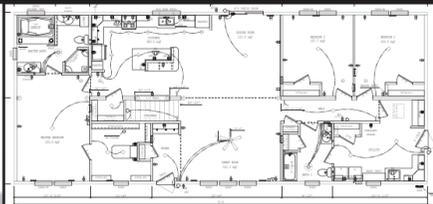
Maggie loves to cook, bake, and can, so she wanted a large farmhouse sink in her new kitchen, which they opened to the rest of the house by removing walls on both ends.

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