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As residential real estate developers, Heather and Mike Boujoulian aren't afraid of a project, and that's exactly what they got when they purchased their Arlington, Massachusetts, colonial. "It was like walking back in time," remembers Mike. "Green wallpaper, gold shag rugs. . . ." Neglected for a half-century, the house also had no working bathrooms, and the small kitchen was desperate for a do-over. While the kitchen's overall vision was the owners', they credit **S+H Construction** and lead carpenter Peter Fougere for the execution. "He has an incredible appreciation for older houses and an impeccable eye," Heather says.

The couple's aim was to reorient the space and connect it more to the house, while still respecting its 1911 origins. They changed the main access point to open into the living room and took over a half-bath and mudroom to gain space, improve flow,



and make way for modern conveniences.

A tongue-and-groove coffered ceiling and reclaimed black-walnut floors complement the home's history, while card catalog drawers and cabinetry—crafted by Reading, Massachusetts-based Mottl Builders & Cabinetry—speak to the kitchen's functionality.

Everything, from the Pietra Cardosa countertops to the white arabesque tile behind the range to the glass pendants above the island, was hand-selected—"and everything was chosen twice," Heather jokes. "It was very much a passion project." | *S+H Construction, Cambridge, shconstruction.com*

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