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Since there isn't much counter space, an island was put in to give Louise more room to do what she loves — cook.

Hanging above the island is a copper lamp that is on an old-style pulley system. They can lower it if they need or raise it up out of the way.

Louise says she went with terra cotta looking ceramic tiles to give that Tuscan feel, and also chose paint that complimented the entire feel of the room.

They also brought the laundry up from the basement. Just off the kitchen, Louise says there was a small room that may have once been a bedroom. That room was redesigned to be the laundry and a full bathroom. In the small room next to there was the half bath — it now serves as the pantry.

Over the years, Dick and Lousie say the house has become a blend of generations. Many of the things that decorate their home are things they have saved from their parents and grandparents.

The couple says they developed their "style" early in the marriage.

Louise says that many people through the years, at the Pantry, just assume they have many things from the store in their home. And while they do have a few items, Louise says "no, we have some things, but we started our own style back in the 1960s. We buy nice quality so we don't have to replace it. Our style was established early on."

The furniture in their sitting room is actually the first furniture they bought when they moved in — the sofa has been recovered.

The dining room, they say, is based on Country French/Country Italian casual. And it's all them.

The dining room table and chairs are also original to the couple.

'Bet you've never seen mustard color chairs before," asks Dick.

When one looks at a Craftsman-style home from the outside, "you probably wouldn't expect to see kind of a French, Italian, Provincial-style furnishings in a Craftsman home. But that's what we have," says Louise.

Everyone has their own style and their home should reflect it. What is yours?

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