

Makeover details

■ **The home office** occupies part of the wide dormer (A), with a built-in desk and open storage compartments running under the long band of windows.

■ **The kitchen cabinets** (B) are white plywood boxes with fir veneer plywood doors. The countertop material is Durat (www.durat.com), a Finnish product made with 50 percent recycled plastic.

■ **The built-in seating** on the back porch (C) eliminates the need for a railing and gives the porch an uncluttered look. "Plus, if you can sit on the rail, it makes the porch that much larger," says Horsley.

■ **The master bedroom** (D) shares the dormer with the home office; an interior window and door allow each space to borrow light from the other.

■ **The kitchen opens to the porch** (E) and is roomy enough for a large table. The table legs are painted white to match the walls, ceiling, and cabinet trim.

■ **The horizontal front porch railing** (F) extends down the stairway and contrasts handsomely with the honey-toned wood of the flooring. "The railing is an extension of what we have done in and around the house: simple designs that have clean lines and are easy to build," says Le. *

