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House Beautiful

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Joanna Gaines's
Most Sacred
Baking Space

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A family-friendly
dining nook
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Lofty Goals

Chaos couldn't stop this dream team's vision from materializing.

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I**N THE CENTURY** and a half since it was built, this 1872 loft has endured repeated water damage due to Chicago's extreme weather. Then, to add insult to injury, **midway through its latest renovation, a pipe burst on Christmas Eve, halting progress and forcing a series of "design recalibrations."** That setback didn't stop Goesling Group and O'Brien Harris, who had been tasked with updating the two-bedroom condo—including transforming the lackluster 1990s builder-grade kitchen. Now, sophisticated blue-green cabinetry, a marble counter-splash (with a unified sink apron), and striking glass-and-brass shelving set the foundation, while a 19th-century French trestle table and 1950s dining chairs maintain the space's distinct personality.

Inspired by Fleetwood Mac's "Songbird," the home's design is meant to feel expressive and full of life. **Pendants:** [Visual Comfort & Co.](#) **Cabinetry:** [O'Brien Harris](#). **Faucet:** [Kallista](#). **Shelving** (against brick wall): [Urban Archaeology](#). **Range:** [Bertazzoni](#).

CROWNING MOMENT

A dramatic walnut hood with brass accents draws the eye to the ceiling.





HISTORY FOUND
During demolition, this original brick wall was uncovered and preserved.

FINE DINING
Ditching the island offered more flexibility for seating and entertaining in this petite kitchen.