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DOUBLE *DUTY*

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- **Designer:** Sydney Markus, Anthony Wilder Design/Build
- **Location:** Chevy Chase, Maryland
- **Design Highlight:** The cushion backs are tailored to be deeper at the bottom to increase comfort.

Tip: "Because banquettes face high traffic and inevitable spills, the fabric for the cushions should be highly durable. I recommend selecting darker colors in an indoor/outdoor fabric because of its durability."

When the homeowners of this transitional-style house became empty nesters, they decided it was time for a refresh to meet the needs of this new phase in their life. "The clients often work in the kitchen, so we selected a banquette to enhance the overall functionality," designer Sydney Markus says. The banquette not only serves as a place to eat and gather, but also as a workspace and desk. Careful and thoughtful details tie the banquette to the overall design of the space. "We matched the banquette base to the kitchen island to create synergy between the two," she says. "The fabric we selected for the cushions was inspired by, and ties into, the custom mosaic backsplash."



ROOM WITH A VIEW

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- **Architect:** Sean Mullin, AIA, Anthony Wilder Design/Build
- **Location:** Washington D.C.
- **Design Highlight:** Large windows without grilles or mulls allow for unobstructed views.

Tip: "Maximize the storage that can be realized with proper banquette design!"

One of the main goals of this kitchen renovation was to maximize the functionality of the space without sacrificing the style. The banquette allowed for extra storage opportunities as well as the perfect seating spot. "We wanted to maximize the amount of seating and storage in the bay window," Sean says. "Our goal was to increase the depth of the bay and enhance the views of the beautifully landscaped backyard."

