

The Wayne Kitchen

Design Statement

An open-concept kitchen, surrounded by the most incredible scenery imaginable is a kitchen designers dream come true. This custom home, with amazing views and incredible architecture holds a mystical allure, and the kitchen merited a design plan that would maximize its transcendent presence and culinary functionality.

One of the most popular design trends in the past 25 years has been the open concept kitchen. Architecturally this home has it all; spacious floor-plan, limitless natural light, a stunning multi-level ceiling and an overall style that fit the personality of the client. Interior design elements in the kitchen needed to be carefully chosen to define the kitchen area without making it feel disconnected from the rest of the house.

With the overall layout of the kitchen completed during the drawing phase, choosing an appropriate flooring material was next on the list. The versatility of Brazilian Multi-Color Slate was the perfect foundation for unifying the space. The steel blue background and tinges of rust in the slate was the perfect reflection of the divine landscape just steps away. An open plan kitchen needs cohesiveness, so selecting other materials and finishes was contingent on the fact this kitchen is visible both inside and out.

High on the soffit above the cabinets, "Montana Tan" paint is a warm, neutral tone that is subtle, yet draws your eye toward the kitchen and all of the beautiful elements there. A specialty finish and Alder planking on the ceiling provides additional warmth.

Sometimes the simplest design elements are the most impressive. The detailing and finish of the custom Alder cabinets is classic yet distinctive. With the hand applied finish and texturing inspired by the natural beauty outdoors, these cabinets are timeless. To balance the impact the cabinetry has, Mystic Wave polished granite and bronze penny mosaics add color and polish. The colors are refined enough to unify the space yet unique enough to make a statement.

A kitchen can look good but it has to perform well. It is easy to maneuver in this kitchen with an ample corridor between the center island and cooking stations. Appliances are installed near each other for convenience. The cabinetry is built to last and designed for optimal storage. Hidden treasures like a large pantry, concealed behind a raised panel doors allows easy access to supplies. In a well-designed, open plan kitchen, this client has a look that welcomes them home.

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Objectives:

- Create a magnificent kitchen that showcases the homes unique architecture
- Take advantage of the stunning views
- Optimize the functionality of the open floor-plan
- Specify a variety of the latest appliances
- Design a concealed pantry

Design Challenges:

- Designing around the large, center island
- Free-form granite fabrication
- Seamlessly blending cabinetry and appliances for a cohesive look
- Unifying each of the surrounding living areas

Solutions:

- Installing cabinetry and positioning the appliances along the exterior wall enhances the open feel
- Added additional storage to the center island
- Create multi-level countertops to expand prep zones and accommodate island seating
- Similar finishes in the kitchen and adjoining spaces ties each area together

Special Features:

- Custom bronze, round penny mosaic backsplash
- Large pantry concealed behind cabinetry doors
- Mystic Wave polished granite
- Viking refrigerator paneled to match the cabinetry