50 Cabinetry Models to Maximize Your Storage and Style

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Chef Duet

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SPECIAL FEATURES layout to accommodate two

chefs, eco-friendly lyptus wood cabinetry

> DIMENSIONS 33' x 17'

PRODUCTS USED Cabinetry: Dura Supreme St. Augustine Lyptus Flooring: Oak hardwood Countertops: Silestone Sienna Ridge Sink(s): Blanco Silgranite for kitchen and prep Faucet(s): Danze Parma for kitchen and prep Rangetop: Viking 36-inch Professional gas with telescope downdraft vent Ovens: Viking Professional double oven Refrigerator: Viking Professional SS Dishwasher: Viking Professional SS Microwave: Viking Bl Warming Drawer: Viking Ice Maker: Scotsman Lighting: Seagull undercabinet Backsplash: Tumbled travertine with metallic decoration Hardware: Top Knobs oil-rubbed bronze Outlet Bars: Task Lighting angled outlet bars for island and peninsula

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PHOTOGRAPHER Chipper Hatter THESE COLORADO HOMEOWNERS are avid cooks and love to entertain, both in intimate settings and in large groups. Despite their passion, the couple was frustrated with their cramped kitchen area that didn't allow them to work in the space at the same time. After brainstorming with the LifeStyle Kitchen & Bath Team, they moved forward with a complete kitchen remodel.

The project was no small job and involved the removal of the walls between the existing dining room and kitchen, the removal of the pantry closet, and the relocation of all the appliances. Removing these walls required the design team to hide support posts on the kitchen's exterior wall. The upside was that it allowed for the creation of a dining area adequate for their existing table that seats eight to 12 people for everyday casual or formal dining.

In addition, moving the appliances provided the perfect timing for an upgrade in products. The homeowners chose to use top-of-the-line Viking Professional brand for the fridge, dishwasher, microwave, warming drawer, and cooktop. These appliances are housed among the new cabinetry—Dura Supreme's St. Augustine lyptus cabinetry—a choice as eco-friendly as stylish.

Since the homeowners have parties that host a hundred-plus people several times a year, it was important that the kitchen function as well as it looks. The challenge was to create maximum space utilization for two cooks working at the same time while entertaining their guests. The solution was the creation of a peninsula with a prep sink, and the center island became the workhorse of the cooking zone. Plus, a Scotsman ice maker keeps cool drinks in the guests' hands while dinner is prepped. «

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Reconfigured Luxury

DESIGNER

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Custom storage compartments in sides of pantries and on both sides of the range top, solid wood island top, special White Carrera top with a build-up

DIMENSIONS 27' × 17'

PRODUCTS USED Cabinetry: Küche+Cucina Handcrafted Cabinetry Flooring: Porcelain tile Countertops: White Carrera Sink(s): Rohl farmhouse style for perimeter, Franke stainless steel undermount for island Faucet(s): Kohler

Range: Viking

Refrigerator: Miele refrigerator and freezer Dishwashers: Miele Backsplash: White Carrera slabs, custom antiqued mirror tiles

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PHOTOGRAPHER Ken Lauben



WITH ITS LIGHT and airy feel, spacious work areas, and custom touches, it's hard to imagine that this luxury kitchen almost never made it to completion. The house was built for a buyer who ended up abandoning the project midway due to financial difficulties. In order to save the home, the builder ended up buying back the property that was already custom designed and partially built for a specific customer. With only the framing up in the kitchen, the builder called designer Amir Ilin of Küche+Cucina to save the space and turn it back into a show kitchen-one that would sell the house.

Ilin started by changing the 48-inch refrigerator to a full 36-inch fridge and a full 36-inch freezer, adding a third more refrigeration storage. Besides the fridge/freezer, he positioned two floorto-ceiling pantries that both have an additional storage space accessed from behind the decorative columns on the side. This entire unit was designed to look like an elegant piece of furniture.

On the range wall, Ilin created a hearth-designed hood that offers an open shelf on each side of the range top for spices and other cooking ingredients. A large island was positioned in the center to serve as a prep area, additional storage, and a place to take a seat.

Carved moldings, large corbels, tall columns, and other carvings and details were added as finishing touches. Ilin then chose an elegant white paint and white marble counters, which contrast beautifully with the dark wood-stained interiors on the open shelves, behind the glass doors, and on the island's wood top. This contrast of tones warms up the space and adds a look of luxury to this reconfigured room. «

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Luxury Mountain Living

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Cabinetry with a 12-step finish of staining, glazing, and distressing; built-in desk and wet bar

> DIMENSIONS 22' × 16'

PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Western Custom Casework custom knotty pine with 12-step finish of stain, glazing, and distressing Woodwork: Enkebol handcarved post and corbels Countertops: Antique Brown granite for perimeter, Magma Gold granite and custom cherry butcher block for island Sink(s): Hand-hammered copper farmhouse for main, handhammered copper undermount for prep, hand-hammered copper with grape vine detail for wet bar Faucet(s): Danze Opulence in Antique Copper Range: Viking

Lighting: Task Lighting in, under, and over cabinets Backsplash: Slate with copper ornaments Hardware: Top Knobs Power Strips: Task Lighting angle power strips

> PHOTOGRAPHER Chipper Hatter



A GATED MOUNTAINTOP community in Burnsville, North Carolina, Mountain Air features a private airstrip for its residents, 85 percent of who reside here only part time. And when they fly in to visit, it is often with friends and family to escape and entertain among stunning views. Such is the case for the owners of this high-altitude home.

Though you wouldn't know it from looking at its stunning kitchen now, this home wasn't always as primed for hosting guests as it is today. The original kitchen was confined to a small portion of the room, with a fireplace and sitting room filling the rest. It had 8-foot ceilings and was walled off from the great room's excellent vistas. To create a kitchen worthy of its location, the owners hired Mason Elliott, AKBD, of Ashley's Kitchen & Bath Design Studio.

The owners originally just wanted an updated design but asked Elliott what he would do if he didn't have limits. His vision: Open up the kitchen to the great room's 20-foot ceilings and incredible views. With a green light from the contractor and the homeowners enthusiastically on board, the new plans for a complete remodel moved forward.

Elliott repurposed the stone from the sitting room fireplace for the new hood surround and incorporated the previous island's wood top into the new island. The rest of the room is full of fresh features such as a slate backsplash with metal decorative inserts, Magma Gold granite on the island, antique copper sinks, and beautiful woodworking details custom cabinetry, four-step crown molding, mullion doors, and hand-carved Enkebol corbels. With their home's interior views now as beautiful as the exterior views, these owners and their guests can experience true luxury mountain living. «

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Rearranged and Revamped

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Custom cabinetry featuring woodworking details, glass-front doors, and in-cabinet lighting

DIMENSIONS 22' × 11'6"

PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Custom design by Dave Stimmel of Stimmel Consulting Group Countertops: Calcutta Nuvolato haned and enhanced marble with half bullnose edge Sink(s): Mirabelle double-bowl in **Brushed** Satin Faucet(s): Rohl pullout single-lever in Satin Nickel Beverage Faucet: Kohler Wellspring in stainless steel Soap Dispenser: Kohler Disposal: InSinkErator pro disposal and sink-top air switch Range: Viking 60-inch dual-fuel with six burners, griddle, and grill Hood: Vent-A-Hood 60-inch pro wall liner for custom wood hood Refrigerators: Sub-Zero 36-inch built-in all refrigerator, Sub-Zero 36-inch built-in all freezer, Sub-Zero 24-inch refrigerator/freezer integrated for wood panel Dishwasher: Miele Futura Dimension fully integrated Warming Drawer: Dacor 24-inch integrated for wood panel Lighting: Murray Feiss chandelier Backsplash: Field Tile Horus Art in Tiffany Biscuit in a staggered pattern for backsplash, Calcutta polished marble mini brick mosaic for niche

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THESE PENNSYLVANIA HOMEOWNERS were none too pleased with the state of their home's look or its layout. So the couple hired designer David Stimmel of Stimmel Consulting Group, Inc., and architect Susan Gracki of Gardner-Fox Associates to tailor the floor plan, function, and form especially for their family of four.

Before work could begin, the design team worked with the family to determine how to rearrange the main living and work areas to achieve the best flow for their lifestyle. With decisions made, the family's existing kitchen and breakfast room were transformed into the new family room. The laundry room was relocated to the second floor where a small kitchen once existed. In its place now live a new powder room, mudroom, and pantry.

The kitchen was relocated to where the butler's pantry and sun porch previously resided, and it was opened up to the rear yard. To do so, the design team removed a thick masonry wall to create one large

floor plan. New windows and doors were installed as well as built-in cabinetry. The cream-colored cabinetry, which was custom designed Dave Stimmel of Stimmel Consulting Group, features beautiful woodworking details, sections of glassfront doors, and in-cabinet lighting to highlight colorful pottery. These pops of color add a touch of added interest against the sophisticated palette of creams and soft browns provided by the cabinetry, marble countertops, and wood flooring. A coffered ceiling, which complements the cabinetry in color and style, cloaks a steal support beam that was installed in lieu of the removed wall. A concealed glass pocket door provides separation between the kitchen and family room when desired.

With their rooms rearranged and revamped, this family now loves their new living spaces. «

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