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A kitchen design that cooks up a mix of modern and classic elements for a refined result

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We love our kitchens more than ever, but the days of the kitchen space being disconnected from the rest of the home is passé. Today, as the central hub of the home, kitchens serve multiple functions: entertainment zone, meeting point, testing ground for new recipes, study area.

The list is unique to each family's particular needs and habits.

It was several years of conceptual planning and discussions before the homeowners finally took the plunge to remodel their ranch-inspired home. The kitchen had long been the primary talking point because the space wasn't large enough for a family of five. A huge island and a large eating area were top priority.



ATYPICAL HOMEOWNER

After carefully examining the floor plan, we decided that a few structural changes would be imperative to creating a spacious kitchen.

The woman of the household loves all things unique—from specialty finishes, exclusive materials and the use of uncommon colours. Her profound appreciation of a worldly esthetic is what I loved about designing this kitchen.

Therefore, the classic white kitchen with Calacutta countertops would not be a contender here. Instead, there's a variety of eye-catching focal points and functional spaces. With a family of foodies and avid cooks, the oven and a large prep area were paramount.

The essentials and luxuries were compartmentalized in the 420-square-foot space by creating a serving area, a dramatic cooking zone with a monster hood, a spacious island, a bar area with its own sink and fridge, and enough cabinetry to house all the dishes and gadgets. With some innovative hinges,



The natural marble backsplash is set in a herringbone pattern behind the stove to add some contrast.

an appliance corner was designed to shut the door on all those toasters and blenders.

It's important to house all your kitchen gadgets out of sight, freeing up premium countertop space.

Because the eat-in area was essen-



Bookmatching the Cascogne Verde stone creates a unique heart shape.

tial to the design of the kitchen, I created functional space with a built-in bar and seating. One of my favourite features is the bench. A casual piece of furniture in a kitchen brings an element of comfort and breaks up the monotonous look of chairs.



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hardware and a custom-designed handle for the fridge cabinet. Mixing hardware creates a sense of interest and allows you to pick a few favourites instead of just one.

In this kitchen, all drawers were designed to have a simple beaded edge, and all doors were detailed as a version of the classic shaker profile. Mixing cabinet styles adds diversity and texture.

This kitchen is not modern, not classic, nor is it retro; it's simply a refreshing design that appeals to today's busy family, incorporating an aesthetic from different period styles. ♦

SUBTLE & SUBLIME

On the prowl for something unusual, my upholsterer showed me a few leftover hides from an eggplant-coloured croc skin. I knew it was the perfect choice for the space; infusing a little bit of the unexpected makes for a lasting impression.

The classically styled custom bench was paired with a modern pedestal table and quintessential Eames chairs in robin's egg blue, while the series of white, dramatic modern light fixtures and the clear Louis Ghost chairs contrast perfectly with the classic powder-grey shaker cabinets.

One of the standout elements in this kitchen is the exclusive Cascade Verde stone on the kitchen island. Its mesmerizing blue tones and golden-brown accents complement the kitchen finishes so eloquently, the book-matching even results in a heart-shape to affirm its approval of love.

OLD MEETS NEW

Walnut is an architectural classic finish, reminiscent of the mid-20th century; nothing is more iconic and striking than this modernist material. Merging this modern element complements the classic detailing of the painted cabinets and demonstrates how a variety of styles and finishes can work together in perfect harmony.

One of my favourite features in this space is the built-in fridge, which is elegantly encased in an Asian-inspired armoire. The mix of hardware also gives the kitchen an edge of its own. Not shying away from mixing metals, hammered metal knobs and cup pulls were blended with oil-rubbed bronze

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