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EYE-CATCHING, TWO-TONED KITCHENS

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When two-toned kitchens were first introduced into the decorating scene, cream cabinets and a dark brown island were par-for-the-course. However, as this idea developed, designers have been straying from the rigid, cookie cutter design towards a gray, blue, or even an array of wood finishes for the island. The two-toned kitchen design can also include framing the cabinetry in a certain wood grain or paint color, painting the top and bottom cabinets in different colors and stains, or allowing a built in fridge or pantry to look like a freestanding piece of furniture.

Two-toned kitchen designs provide flexibility. When you cannot decide between stain or paint, or dark wood or frosted



glass, two-toned kitchens allow you to choose both – adding interest and drama while drawing the eye to specific details or a focal point in the room.

Many years of experience designing kitchen spaces for my firm and on HGTV's Income Property has taught me that often when a painted finish is too much for an entire kitchen as it overpowers the space, an alternative solution that works nicely involves only the island. It can be treated like a fine piece of furniture. Even large, airy, and contemporary kitchens can have a more grounded feel by simply contrasting the base cabinets with a darker color.

Recently, mixing and matching cabinet styles has also become a well-accepted





practice for adding diversity to a modern kitchen. At Dvira Interiors, we have worked on numerous kitchen projects; in 2016, our designs combine sleek, flat slab doors on the base cabinets with shaker style doors on the upper cabinets. Combining cabinetry can also be a budget friendly option when you prefer a specialty cabinet, but cannot afford to use it entirely throughout your kitchen. Although mixing your cabinets requires a bit more planning, it will give you that custom look that you crave. We strive to create variations to standard cabinetry to provide a custom feel for our

clients, including specialty door profiles, unique legs and even custom hoods. Most cabinetmakers today will gladly customize any type of cabinet door to suit your needs.

Choosing the right cabinets and finishes for your kitchen can be challenging and a designer can help you maximize the functional use of your space. Renovating your kitchen is one of the most important investments for your home. Rest assured that a designer will help you make the right choices, from space planning to color selections, while translating your vision.

TIPS:

1 Pick your top two color choices and make sure that your millworker can produce large samples for your approval

prior to making a commitment to purchase.

2 Make sure that the accent finish color you have chosen complements the other hard finishes in your kitchen such as the backsplash or flooring.

3 If your budget does not allow for a major overhaul but your kitchen is screaming for a makeover, simply paint your existing cabinetry and give your kitchen a new look for a quarter of the cost.

4 Your hardware is the jewel that adds drama to your kitchen – an exquisite necklace on a simple black dress. So, do not be afraid to mix hardware and introduce a combination of knobs and cup handles.



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