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This kitchen is a great example of how small design changes can make a big difference in the functional use of existing spaces. The client was not satisfied with the three-year-old kitchen provided by an unimaginative builder, and worked with the designer as an interior consultant.

After listening to the client's needs, the designer transformed a land oak and white ceramic tile kitchen into a simple but aesthetically pleasing space, while addressing all of the functional problems. Once the redesigned space plan and interior elevations were finalized, the clients did much of the legwork and met with the designer intermittently to confirm and seek advice on their selections.

Some of the kitchen solutions included creating a more efficient work triangle, with a creative solution for the cooktop vent, while pre-



serving the existing wood floors. Upon the client's request, a unique garbage and recycling area was created. A television equipped with a pop-up mechanism allows for viewing from the family room and kitchen, and an expanded and reworked pantry now has direct access from the kitchen.

There is a place for everything, and everything is in its place. The phone, answering machine, toaster and can opener are all hidden behind cabinetry, and the customized spice drawers would be any gourmet cook's delight.

A new breakfast bar was created and a pair of slim

glass-paned doors now open into the dining room, resolving the problem created by a previously single-hinged door that blocked the ovens when open.

Deep green granite counter tops, natural maple shaker style doors, a Sub-Zero refrigerator, a Thermador gas cooktop and a Blanco stainless steel sink complete the clean and simple look of this kitchen.

General Contractor: M H Remodeling
 Drafting: Leslie Leinbach
 Granite: Arizona Tile
 Granite Fabrication: International Kitchen Studio
 Appliances: Pacific Sales
 Window Valances: Mary's Custom Workroom
 Chandelier: Continental Lighting

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

Why is the family kitchen most often considered our favorite room in the house? Certainly the TV room, the family rec. room, or even the bedroom could rival in pleasure and popularity. The living room outshines in beauty. Even the garage has its attractions. But if you're really honest with yourself, you are more fond of the kitchen. I have this theory. See if you agree.

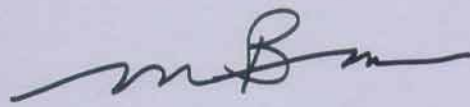
The mere thought of the kitchen triggers warm memories of our kitchens of past—the kitchen of our childhood. Subconscious memory synapses of the kitchen are ignited by two additional senses that the other rooms in the house do not share: smell and taste. Remember the after school aroma of mom's freshly baked chocolate chip cookies? Crackling fried bacon and eggs in the morning? Fresh, brewing coffee? Remember tasting your favorite food in the kitchen? The pleasures of both smell and taste add to the kitchen's other memorable qualities that all other rooms simply can't provide.

So this year, the designers on the ASID Kitchen Tour will trigger your senses of smell and taste while you delight your visual appetite for new and innovative kitchen design. The spring kitchen tour by designers of the American Society of Interior Design takes place on Saturday, March 15th. See page 49. This self-guided tour is one of the best ways available to gather ideas for your own kitchen remodel. Seven different kitchens, beautifully designed and remodeled by accredited designers are opened up for your inspection. These aren't showroom display kitchens or non-functioning vignettes. They are real, functioning kitchens in private homes. There will be no lurking salespeople; no pressure to buy anything or closeout special incentives—only the owners, their designers and, this year, some celebrity chefs.

What better way to spend an afternoon, than to follow the map and the signs to these well thought out and functioning kitchens? In a downtown condo you'll find a powerhouse kitchen in a rather small package galley. Contrast small with grand, in the country French styled La Jolla kitchen. Natural woods (including bamboo), stainless steel, granite and frosted glass surround the latest and best, energy-efficient appliances. Not only the hardware and materials but also the design and configuration are reasons to go and take notes. Ask the designers what went into their decisions to use aluminum tambour for an appliance garage. Ask them about the lighting considerations, energy efficiency factors, granite versus Corian comparisons, and SubZero, Bosch, Dacor and Viking product selections.

Don't be afraid to ask about the options used for their design services. In fact, my favorite kitchen on this tour was done by the homeowners who opted for a consultative arrangement with their designer. They followed the design, consultations, and guidance of Anjum Razvi and remodeled a masterpiece.

Don't take my word for it, see for yourself. And allow the aromas and tastes to reinforce your memories of your favorite room in the house.



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