



KITCHEN WITH CONVENIENCES

With all the sensational products available today, it is exciting to imagine how gorgeous your newly remodeled kitchen could be! Perhaps you envision a wide-open, light-filled space with sleek flat-panel cabinets, a generous island with amazing pendant lighting overhead, and the latest ultra-compact surfacing covering the backsplash and countertops. What fun to entertain all your friends in those surroundings!

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Updating a Rare Beauty

When this homeowner introduced our **Remodeling Designs** team to their 1936 kitchen, we knew immediately this would be an exciting, yet complex project. H. Boesch began to build this home in the late 1920s. When the depression hit, construction ceased for a period of time and was finally finished in 1936. There were original decorative elements in this kitchen and breakfast room that our client wanted to integrate into the plan for updating their kitchen.

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Bacon Roasted Brussels Sprouts

Recipes from
Erich's Kitchen

I was inspired to find a recipe online similar to a dish I had at Chamberlin's Steakhouse in Dallas, Texas. The recipe was originally from a website called *The Slow Roasted Italian*. As usual, I had to "fix" it and add bacon. Bacon makes everything better.

Ingredients

- 1 pound apple smoked bacon
- 2 pounds fresh Brussels sprouts, cut in half
- 6 garlic cloves, rough chopped
- 1 medium red onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

Directions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Start off by cooking one pound of chopped apple smoked bacon. Toss the Brussels sprouts, red onions and garlic in the rendered bacon. Do not drain the bacon grease. Add mixture to cookie sheet in a single layer and bake 20-25 minutes until fork tender. Serve and enjoy!

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In addition you want your kitchen to be more than just a pretty face. This space should be easy to maintain, adaptable to a variety of purposes, and accessible to the greatest number of users. In other words, you will make sure your kitchen is optimized for user experience. It is important to consider the needs of all users of the space, whether a young child, elderly adult, a person experiencing a disability, or even a beloved pet. In their recent surveys of residential designers and architects, both the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) report a significant rise in homeowner interest in user experience.

Since kitchen cabinetry comprises such an important part of every kitchen, it is always important to consider its functionality. One decision you can make is to focus mainly on drawers and minimize upper wall cabinets. This makes all your kitchen components low and accessible. Drawers that open and close with a slight touch allow smooth and easy access when you already have your hands full, or if you have limited mobility. Pull-out cabinet storage systems eliminate the necessity of reaching back into deep corners to find lost items. LED lighting can be utilized to illuminate the interior contents of cabinets and drawers, as well as countertops. LED lights remain cool to the touch and will not harm food or plants by exposing them to excessive heat. Multiple-height work surfaces in the kitchen ensure everyone a convenient spot to help with food prep. Choose a countertop surface that requires little maintenance other than regular cleaning with soap and water to keep it looking new.



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The kitchen by Häfele shown here demonstrates each of these desirable aspects of kitchen design and more. Its simple lines and sophisticated neutrals ignites inspiration. A motorized table with a beautiful Heart Pine top offers a built-in lazy susan, along with an adjustable-height lift for the ultimate access. When lowered, the table is suitable for children or people using wheelchairs; at counter height it becomes an extra work surface; at full height it can serve as a bar. The Convoy pantry pull-out sliding shelf system brings pantry items to users with a unique soft open feature that allows the shelves to glide out, while a soft close feature ensures a smooth return back to the pantry. The versatile Linero rail system lets users choose the elements they wish to hang from the rail and then adjust their location as desired. Additional hidden gems in this kitchen include drawers with peg organizers, a pop-up charging station and a dog food station.



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New Product Introductions

CAMOUFLAGE

One of the goals of a fully integrated European-style kitchen—with its touch-to-open, handle-free cabinet doors and drawers—is to achieve a completely smooth understated look. In an open floor plan, the kitchen will basically disappear into the setting. This aesthetic would require that even the appliances



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be camouflaged. However, up until recently, even though an appliance was fully paneled and installed flush with the cabinets, the handles have either protruded out from or made slight indentations in the otherwise perfectly flush surface.

Now even that minimal interruption is no longer necessary. Appliance manufacturers have risen to the challenge and introduced handleless, touch-to-open ovens and dishwashers for an altogether seamless look in the kitchen.

Gaggeneau's 24" DF 280/281 dishwasher can be entirely concealed from view behind a furniture front. A gentle nudge is all it takes to open the door, revealing a control panel tucked into the top of the door and an interior illuminated with LED lights. The new rack system provides effortless loading



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and emptying thanks to its smooth gliding rails on all three levels, along with a soft-close system. This dishwasher offers eight different program wash settings, with the time remaining in the wash cycle discreetly projected onto the kitchen floor.

The dishwasher can also be installed with a handle and the option of a stainless steel-backed full glass door or a custom panel. In either case, the touch-to-open function still remains active. ■

Sensational Walls

The current popularity of modern design in today's home interiors has created many opportunities for including dramatic sculptural wall surfaces. Modern design embraces clean lines, uncluttered furnishings, and wide open spaces—the perfect environment for large scale wall treatments. It provides a serene backdrop against which a bold, three-dimensional accent wall can make an exciting visual impact in your home.

These large scale sculptures are created from individual panels, tiles or blocks that work together form a continuous, rhythmic pattern. The patterns make use of basic geometry, focusing on simple angles and curves. With multiples of the same design, it is possible to create a wall treatment of any size or shape. Consider this look for vertical surfaces, such as a kitchen backsplash or an entry wall opposite the front door.

A variety of materials are used to create this type of sculptural surface—from stone, tile and glass to concrete and natural gypsum. Typically these wall treatments feature neutral colors, but bright colors are also an option. Vibrant colors will help emphasize the lines of fabulous furniture pieces that are themselves neutral in color. ■

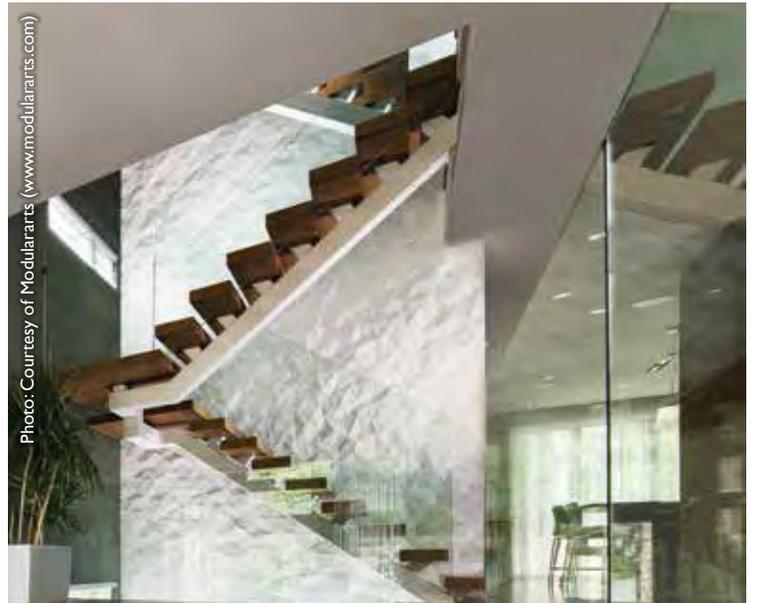


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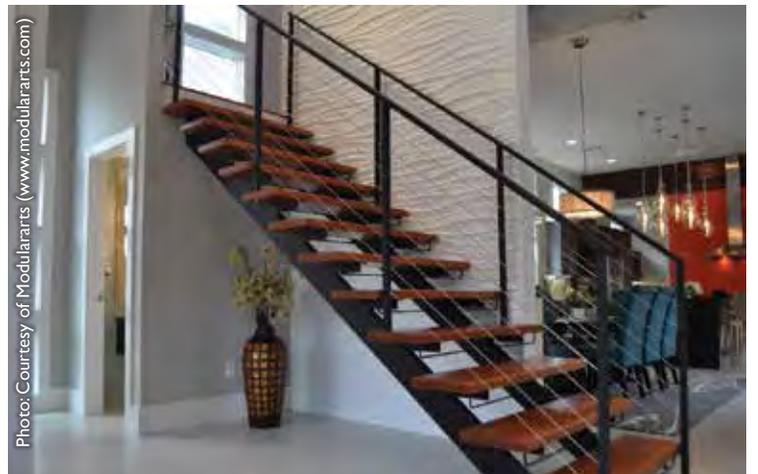


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As the new kitchen was designed, we corrected many flaws that weren't working in the old design. We kept the mesh in the new cabinet fronts and added two vent covers to allow for proper air flow for the hot water heat source underneath the sink. The range and microwave were relocated to the center of the wall and all the electric was brought up to code. The microwave was lowered just a bit to meet the height of the existing tile backsplash.

It was determined that the wall between the kitchen and breakfast room should be removed to combine the spaces. We used the existing hallway to build a new alcove for the refrigerator. We then used the old alcove for new pantry space. The arches were duplicated to blend with the rest of the home. All the plaster walls outside of the kitchen were heavily textured, which added to the challenge of tying all the spaces together.

Our client wished to preserve the backsplash tile—a very rare Hull tile produced between the years of 1927-1929 by the A. E. Hull Pottery Company in Crooksville, Ohio. After a good cleaning and the grout was mended, the tile looks as good as it did when it was first installed. Where necessary, our craftsman was able to duplicate the tile installation as if it were original, using left over pieces from the wall that was removed. Volga Blue granite countertops pick up the tones of the tile with its iridescent properties.

A new doorway was opened up from the kitchen to the dining room and so the breakfast room became more of a butler's pantry where beverages are prepared and additional storage is utilized. Upper cabinets were dropped from the ceiling to maintain the original plaster border. A new beverage refrigerator and glass storage above add to the ease of entertaining in the dining room around the corner. This counter space also makes for more buffet space for larger crowds. A new archway was created into the kitchen and cabinets wrapped around the existing breakfast room wall. This provided additional storage for utility items and also more serving counter space.

The existing breakfast room had a couple of design elements original to the home that our client desired to keep. The plaster border going around the entire ceiling and a set of wall medallions embedded in the walls were extremely important to them. One medallion was located in the wall that was going to be removed. With painstaking care we removed and relocated the medallion to the back of the new wall where it now faces the dining room. Our clients are thrilled! And we have submitted this outstanding project for a CotY award.

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