

Choice Kitchens

11 kitchen designers offer something for everyone.

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Homeowners' Request: This on-the-go family was looking for a larger kitchen that they could all use without getting under each other's feet. Ease of maintenance was also on the wish list. The family also needed a desk area where they could do the work that tends to follow them home.

Designer's Challenge: The long-shaped house needed a more open floor plan to fit the family's busy lifestyle.



Photo by Christi

Design Solution: The wall between the old dining room and the kitchen came down and a second wall leading to the living room was opened up. A down-draft vent was added to get rid of the old range hood. A bar top was added, along with a desk and storage for books. The island and prep area are convenient to all the appliances and there is an under-counter wine chiller.

What makes it Urban Contemporary?

The light, natural colors of the cabinets and flooring mixed with the rich, dark marble countertops and backsplash and the stainless steel appliances. The urban contemporary kitchen is a space where the whole family can cook, work and mingle. The bar top caters to the busy urban lifestyle, providing a space for fast meals, but also doubling as a buffet area for local-style parties.