

Cream of the Crop

A Baker's Dozen of Kitchen Designs to Match Your Culinary Dreams

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Mariners Cove



Photo by Thomas Del Amo

Design by Chuck Siebenthal, CKD, of Seven Valleys Construction

Clients' must-haves and wish list: The clients wanted to visually open up the kitchen and keep the flow of the existing oak flooring throughout the living areas. The new kitchen needed not one, but two sinks: one with a view of the pool and lanai, the other to prep food and face the family room. They also wanted a visual focal point, minimal use of stainless steel and more storage and counter space.

Design challenges: The original kitchen's three separate entrances and general lack of space walled off the room from the rest of the house, limiting guest and family interaction.

How Seven Valleys made it work: Designer Chuck Siebenthal closed off two of the three entrances, then expanded the third to serve as the only opening to the kitchen. A bar-height, full-length wall with countertop took the place of a walkway between the kitchen and family room, doubling as a breakfast area. A window with an inside/outside pass-through (and a great view of the pool and lanai) was added above the sink. The cooking area, at the center of the U-shaped kitchen, became a focal point of interest, as it can be seen when entering the home and from the living areas. Black appliances are

complemented by the granite counters. Red-oak Shaker cabinet doors tie into the oak floor. The opened walls and revamped lighting and storage help increase space.

What makes the kitchen a Mariner's Cove: To the clients' delight, all of their wishes were granted. An eye-pleasing palette flows openly and seamlessly with the rest of the home.