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The pros reveal what makes a kitchen great

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Chuck Siebenthal started out in the family business selling heavy equipment and industrial tools. He did his first design and construction job in 1976 and has had the bug ever since. As a general contractor, he's worked on numerous homes—and from the start, the key was always designing the home around the kitchen. Siebenthal also contracts and installs for other well-known designers in town.

My forte: Mid-range projects with an occasional upper-range project. Our company recently changed its name from Seven Valleys Construction to Seven Valleys Design/Build to better reflect the design/build work we do.

My design signature: The Kitchen is the heart of a home. It needs to be warm and inviting.

What makes a kitchen great: Function, function, function.

I'm inspired by: My clients. Each one of them has a different theme for their dream kitchen—and it has to flow with the interior design of the home. Continuing education is a must. The best one-day seminar I've ever attended dealt with nothing but kitchen lighting. Hard to imagine a class like that could be interesting for a full day—but to me, it was!

My most cherished compliment from a client: "Seven Valleys exceeded our expectations."

In my own kitchen, I like to whip up: Friends and family always want to know when I am making a batch of my green chili stew. It is eye-watering hot—without the use of black pepper or cayenne pepper.