



before

Seven Valleys Design/Build doubles the size of a Niu Valley kitchen to take it from dysfunctional to functional—and fast!

Double the **FUN**ction

By JENNY DE JESUS • Photos by TOMAS DEL AMO

Featured Designer: CHUCK SIEBENTHAL, CKD, OF SEVEN VALLEYS DESIGN/BUILD

Featured Contractor: SEVEN VALLEYS DESIGN/BUILD



The kitchen's new bi-level peninsula features a bar top that doubles as a buffet for entertaining. "It's great every Sunday when we have the grandparents over," says the homeowner.

For a Niu Valley couple with one young daughter and another on the way, their "typical galley-style kitchen" was far from functional. "We wanted more of everything," the homeowner says. "More counter space, more storage space and a more functional layout." The family sought an open, updated space that would also interact with the other parts of the home. They hoped it would allow them to have family over and to watch the kids playing in the backyard pool. What's more, they needed it quick—before the new baby was born.

After asking around, the homeowners chose designer Chuck Siebenthal, of Seven Valley's Design/Build, to get the job done well and quickly. "Chuck and his crew communicated clearly and really listened, which is the most important thing," the homeowner says. With the family's extensive wish list and the baby's due date fast approaching, Siebenthal got to work.

"The previous kitchen was crowded with one person in it," Siebenthal says, "so we opened up the space by removing one of the galley walls." They removed a structural post, which would have stood in the middle of the new kitchen, and

constructed concealed beams. As a result, the kitchen's footprint doubled, making room for plenty of new additions.

A new peninsula is now home to a dual-fuel range, stainless-steel hood and bar top that works great as a buffet for guests. The addition of a pass-through to the family and dining rooms lends an open feel to the space, while allowing the homeowners to see through to the backyard. Loads of extra storage space enabled Siebenthal to incorporate corner Lazy Susans, specialized cabinets, several roll-out drawers and a floor-to-ceiling pantry.

The couple, avid cooks, requested all stainless-steel appliances, including a commercial range. But thanks to clean, classic finishes, the kitchen—even with its industrial appliances—never feels cold. The homeowners chose warm cherry-wood cabinetry with a cinnamon stain for an inviting, contemporary look. Near-black granite countertops give the space clean lines and a timeless feel. Says Siebenthal, “This kitchen will still look good 30 years from now.”

So, did Seven Valleys finish before the new baby came? “A week before the wife delivered, we were out!” Siebenthal says.

Now everyone can enjoy the kitchen as the family grows. “Our kitchen went from very dysfunctional to very functional,” the homeowner says. “We’re really pleased with the results.” **HHR**



A new pass-through to the living areas allows the homeowners to keep an eye on the kids as they play in the backyard pool.

WHERE TO GET IT

FEATURED DESIGNER: **Chuck Siebenthal, CKD, of Seven Valleys Design/Build**

CABINETRY: **Pasadena style, cherry, from Belmont Cabinetry**

CONTRACTOR: **Seven Valleys Design/Build**

COUNTERTOPS: **Ubatuba granite, from Stoneworld**

DISHWASHER: **Bosch, from T. Oki Trading**

OVEN/COOK TOP: **Thermador, from T. Oki Trading**

PLUMBING FIXTURES: **Brizo faucets, from T. Oki Trading**

REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER: **Thermador, from T. Oki Trading**

VENT HOOD: **GE Monogram, from T. Oki Trading**

“I’d trust Fred with my grandmother’s keepsakes.”

- Rebecca Parker, President

“We hire people who care, then teach them the moving business.”

Our employees average more than 16 years on the job with us. They love what they do, and that means they care about making your move as smooth, friendly and professional as possible. For great moving tips and a helpful calendar to plan your move, call us or log onto our site.



M.D. Dyer & Sons, Inc.
MOVING STORAGE
We're Right Here. Your Kamaaina Movers.

456-4200
www.mdtyerandsons.com



PUC 137C • ICC MC133909

*Manufacturer of Custom Tropical & Natural
Hardwood Shutters and Louvered Doors*



Locally Owned and Operated
Hawaii's Most Complete Shutter Manufacturer
Largest Selection of Shutters, Frames and Colors

CALL FOR A FREE IN-HOME ESTIMATE

Island
SHUTTERS INC.

PHONE: **690-8182**