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curve appeal

A BUSY CALIFORNIA FAMILY STEPS UP TO A UNIQUE BREAKFAST BAR

WISH LIST

- Move laundry wall to give the kitchen more room and better storage
- Eliminate outdated look, which included excessive amount of brick
- Create an interesting island with raised café counter for quick meals

In remodeling a brick-lined 1950s kitchen, the late designer Dewitt Talmadge Beall gave the owners, a couple with two teenage children, an island with counter that would be the room's star. But even a hot star needs some good supporting cast members. Beall wrote that into the script, too, says his wife and design partner, Elina Katsiotou-Beall, MFA, CKD, who continues to run the company, DeWitt Designer Kitchens.

Beall made the main part of the island a café bar. To give it its lines, he curved an end section, extended triangular sides out, built a raised countertop out of ¾" thick glass and supported that with stainless steel cylinders resting atop a curved base with a veneer of exotic Mappa burl. He also made room for stools at the counter and added a tall storage wall behind with a flat-screen TV. The island also contains a cooktop. Other appliances and the main cabinetry—the supporting cast—are arranged along two walls that form an efficient L. To continue the curved motif, Beall included a small lower curved ledge at the long wall's end.

Because the owners wanted a more modern look, Beall constructed cabinetry from natural maple sequence, where the grain runs in the same vertical direction. The countertop is honed Verde Jade granite. Backsplashes offer more contrast with their 1" by 4" recycled sage glass tiles and horizontal application. Green pendants follow the curve of the island and ceiling. A skylight and window bring in natural light. To retain a bit of the former brick walls, Beall painted some Swiss Coffee white. An oak floor looks smart with the maple and Mappa burl.



floor plan



Natural maple cabinets are complemented by Verde Jade granite countertops and a sage colored recycled glass tile backsplash.

ABOVE LEFT: Mappa burl fronts the island's curved café bar, the kitchen's focal point.

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LOCATION: Studio City, CA

DIMENSIONS: 27'4" by 16'

>>> SPECIAL FEATURES:

Raised café counter with projected triangular sides and Mappa burl base; Glass horizontal tiles to contrast with vertical cabinets; Skylight that brings light and life into the room

PRODUCTS USED:

- Refrigerator/freezer: Sub-Zero
- Cooktop, ventilation: Viking
- Oven, dishwasher: Miele
- Sink: Franke
- Faucet: KWC
- Wine cooler: U-Line
- Microwave: GE Profile Spacemaker
- Recycled glass tiles: Walker Zanger
- Skylight: Velux



Photo: Sam Maloney

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LOCATION: Thousand Oaks, CA

DIMENSIONS: 8' by 11'

>>> SPECIAL FEATURES:

A sink that connects the cocktail counter to the dining table; Extensive amount of gadgets and equipment for the techie owner; Low wall that separates the kitchen from the dining area yet still keeps areas open to one another

PRODUCTS USED:

- Refrigerator/freezer: Sub-Zero
- Cooktop, dishwasher, microwave, oven, warming drawer: Miele
- Steamer: Kohler
- Main sink and faucet: Beach by Franke and Mythos faucet by Franke
- Peninsula sink and faucet: Mystic by Elkay with matching Elkay faucet
- Wine cooler: U-Line
- Floor: Pergo

gadgets galore

TECHIE OWNER REQUESTS ROOM FOR MINGLING AND A MULTITUDE OF COOKING GEAR

WISH LIST

- Bar area tucked beneath the under-utilized staircase
- Large open room with good work areas, plus a cocktail sink and dining table
- Room to mingle, drink, dine and watch movies
- Plethora of curves in table, chairs, counters

How much did the British bachelor owner of this kitchen want to spend time in it? A lot, evidently. When they started to work together, he told designer Elina Katsioula-Beall, MFA, CKD, of DeWitt Designer Kitchens in Studio City, California: "I wouldn't mind an open space for all my buddies to stand around and have drinks—and at the same time sit down for dinner and watch movies." He also told her, "I like precisely soft curves and all the cooking gadgets this space can fit."

With those requests on the wish list, Katsioula-Beall had her work cut out for her, since the kitchen measures a modest 8' by 11'. Her solution was a clever cluster of geometric shapes with two main walls lining two side walls used for some of the desired equipment and counterspace. But then she took a more unconventional route and extended one peninsula for a sink,

and from there ran a curved peninsula at a right angle that contains another sink, but one in a long amoeboid shape and with a surround of white Carrera marble. There guests could stand and mix cocktails and other drinks. But the designer didn't stop there. She added a round table with a dark Bahia granite top, which can seat the men when they're tired of standing and want to eat dinner or watch movies on a wall-mounted flat screen TV. Unused space under a staircase became a spot for a bar with wine cooler, small refrigerator, bar accessories and glassware.

To create a spiffy modern look, Katsioula-Beall installed low-voltage lighting, cabinets of bird's-eye maple and a glass-lined, silver-gray thermo-foil backsplash behind the cooktop plus a magnetic painted wall (since he likes to attach poetry magnets), stainless steel appliances, Italian chairs with black suede upholstery and a Pergo floor. To meet his request for gadgets, there is a built-in colander, steamer sink, warming drawer, Panini maker, rice cooker and electric tea kettle for his daily fill of English breakfast tea. Best of all: "He uses all the gadgets," the designer says.

The kitchen received third place in the Open Plan category of the National Kitchen and Bath Association's 2007 awards contest.

A unique design approach makes the most of this tiny 8' by 11' kitchen.

ABOVE FAR LEFT: This unusual sink, surrounded by Carrera marble, adds to the kitchen's fun, high-tech feel.

ABOVE LEFT: Multiple ovens and cook surfaces plus the latest gadgets let this bachelor owner entertain in style.



