



An Eye on Design

THE BIG CHALLENGE of this project was to create a kitchen space that would allow these young Vienna, Virginia, homeowners to keep an eye on the adjacent family room while in the kitchen. A stay-at-home mom, the lady of the house needed an accommodating design since she and the rest of the gang spend lot of time in the kitchen. And, at the same time the homeowners did not want to give up the traditional feel of the house by opening up the walls.

The homeowners called upon Marcelo Dobrauchi of Terranova Construction to come up with the ideal solution. Dobrauchi created an island to house the range, so that Mom can keep a close eye on the kids while they play nearby or talk to guests who are lounging in the adjacent family room. A bar-height counter on the island provides a space for family and guests to gather. Dobrauchi installed a beam on the ceiling to leave the room completely open, as a wall they removed was load bearing.

In order to maintain the traditional atmosphere of the house, Dobrauchi suggested dark, richly stained cabinets with the lighter toned countertop to create a little contrast. Also, using different heights on the cabinets gave this kitchen a more cozy, relaxed feel. «



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SPECIAL FEATURES

Curved, multilevel
island; open floor plan

DIMENSIONS

26' x 22'

PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Kraftmaid
Flooring: Hardwood
Countertops: Granite,
Santa Cecilia
Sink(s): Franke
Faucets: Grohe
Dishwasher: KitchenAid
Cooktop: GE Monogram
Lighting: Progress
Lighting pendants
Refrigerator: KitchenAid
Wallcovering: Behr paint

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