



Crafting a kitchen



Kitchen crafted by Renaissance;
designed by KitchENvision.

THIS RECENTLY REMODELED kitchen is the product of creativity and craft. The design tackles the space ambitiously and with great success, and no detail was spared in its execution. Several specially tailored elements have come together to meld the kitchen seamlessly with the space, and to make it a constant source of interest for admirers, of which it is sure to have plenty. Hidden behind the décor are all the amenities of a kitchen that is easy to organize and work in – not to mention host any type of gathering.

The cabinets are an elegant shaker style, and the display doors feature individually handmade mullions and separate glass panes. Everything is three-quarter-inch plywood construction, with interior and exterior UV coating on all cabinets – even those not exposed to the sun – and the entire set is virtually waterproof. There are soft-close hinges and drawer slides and several convenient pull-out racks, including a garbage and recycling centre and a rotating pantry.

To avoid disrupting the continuity of the kitchen, the builder crafted custom edge-to-edge fridge panels and shaker style crown moulding – including the showcase trim above the fridge – to perfectly match the cabinets. All the custom work was done in-house and perfectly fitted for a flawless product. Finally, everything was tied together with understated but eye-catching handles from a supplier in Germany.



The counter-tops are all solid granite, meticulously chosen to meet the needs of the design. After sending back a few imperfect slabs, the builders were able to install all the counters with only a single seam in the entire kitchen. The contrast of two colours of granite


– one light and lively, the other dark and diffused – is part of one of the project's most stunning design features: the entertainment island.

This island is the full realization of the modern trend in kitchens. More and more homeowners are acknowledging just how much time they spend in their kitchens, and how often their guests end up congregating there, so today's designs turn the kitchen into part of a larger living space, or equip it with bar counters and breakfast nooks for a more comprehensive function. In this case, the entertainment island was devised



as a bridge between the open kitchen and the rest of the home. With two levels and its own sink, recycling, pot drawers and wine rack, it's ready to become the centre of activity at any gathering, while the kitchen proper remains a

dedicated work space, open but subtly separated.

This isn't just a practical separation, but a visual one as well. The entertainment island's dark granite is combined with a glazed cream finish on the cabinets – the virtual opposite of the rich custom espresso tone of the rest of the kitchen – and sits entirely on the stained hardwood floor near its border with the light kitchen tiles. The final effect is an inversion of colours, with light become dark and vice versa: an impressive and original décor achievement that creates a soft barrier of contrast without sacrificing any of the overall unity. 

Ultimately, the aesthetic purpose of this kitchen design was to create a space of limitless interest and great detail – one where every point of view offers a new visual treat. The recessions and projections of different cabinets add lots of depth to the kitchen landscape, presenting new faces and shapes as you move around; the sides of the central island are artfully detailed into the corner posts, even though they are hidden from view at many angles. The many custom elements in the kitchen allowed a full range of modern appliances to be included without compromising the décor. It is a testament to the possibilities of innovative kitchen design and expert construction: a functional kitchen, a centre for entertainment and leisure, and a beautiful and welcoming space.

