

GOLD



Bachelor Condo

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This 1970s-era Miami, FL condo, with breathtaking views of Biscayne Bay, got a decidedly masculine and modern overhaul to meet the needs of a young bachelor who likes to entertain. When Sandra Diaz-Velasco of EOLO A&I Design, Inc. in Miami decided to change the location of the kitchen from a too-small space located close to the home's entry, she had to deal with a structural column in the center of the room.

The new kitchen area worked well for entertaining as it was now open to the living area, and the goal was to make the room stylish but not allow it to distract from the rest of the space. Each of the elements were designed to resemble regular furniture, including the custom entertainment center piece that integrated the awkwardly placed structural column.

Black, white and shades of gray dominate the entire living area, with pale wood tones adding a lighter touch. Black natural stone is featured on multiple surfaces, including the shelving, hood range with Faber Inca Smart Hood Insert and the island insert with Wolf cooktop. The rest of the island features an antique marble slab of Paradiso White sitting on black squared supports.

Opposite the island, custom cabinetry from Sanandres Construction in a pale wood tone lines the wall. Featured here are the integrated Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer units, as well as the integrated Asko dishwasher. A Dax single bowl undermount stainless sink is paired with the STO High Arc pull-down faucet from Moen in matte black, surrounded by a countertop/back-splash combination of Caesarstone quartz in Sleek Concrete.

A Wolf E series single oven and microwave drawer are featured in the kitchen, which also includes a pocket wall that closes off the pantry and laundry area. Ceniza Matte natural stone flooring and a custom floating light fixture from Union Lighting add just the right balance to the space.



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Peaceful Paradise

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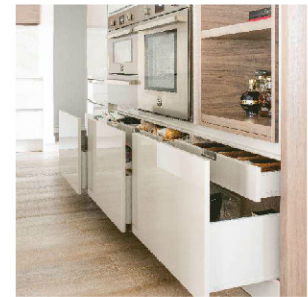


Contemporary yet warm was the request for this kitchen, designed by Abigail Syltie of Redstone Kitchens in Dallas, TX. The homeowners wanted the 350-sq.-ft. space to be a peaceful spot where they could enjoy a cup of coffee or entertain, but they didn't want it to look like a kitchen.

Syltie started simply with slab high-gloss doors in white from Downsvew Kitchens. Along the back wall, a Bertazzoni cooktop is set in a White Zeus Extreme Silestone quartz countertop from Cosentino. The Aria Stone Danbi marble backsplash showcases various shades playing well against the Downsvew upper lift cabinets, featuring slab doors in rift-cut walnut veneer, which is repeated in the open shelving. A custom Vent-A-Hood 48" tilt-up hood is tucked away in the cabinetry.

The first of the islands is all white, repeating the white cabinetry and countertop. Here, a Chemcore Jasper sink with Grohe k7 Semi Pro Faucet and paneled Bertazzoni dishwasher provide function on one side, with seating on the other. The second island features white cabinetry with an undercounter wine cooler from U-Line, with more seating on the other side, all wrapped in the Danbi marble.

The workhorse area of the room includes massive amounts of tall storage along with a Bertazzoni convection oven and speed oven beside the GE Monogram 30" refrigerator/freezer, all finished with Downsvew's slab high-gloss doors in gray, packed with clever storage.



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Blended Design

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The new open floor plan in this contemporary-style Phoenix, AZ home required a kitchen that would work with the rest of the house. The clients desired a kitchen that wouldn't draw attention to itself, but rather would blend into the Great Room design.

To create the space, Steve Johnson of Atelier Inc. in Scottsdale, AZ first removed walls and soffits that surrounded the 1980s kitchen to open it up.

Dark wood grain laminate panels from Eggersmann USA were used along the back wall to provide contrast and center the kitchen within the 400-sq.-ft. space. The panel along the wall was back lit with LED lighting for effect.

Eggersmann high-gloss white flat-panel cabinetry 'floats' off the back wall. The Miele Convection Oven and Combi-Steam Oven along the wall are finished in white to match the cabinetry. A Miele downdraft hood sits next to the cooktop, and a Miele 36" fully integrated refrigerator and freezer are featured on the adjacent wall.

The dark wood grain laminate found on the back wall is also featured on the island, punctuated by a white inset shelf for display. Caesarstone's Blizzard quartz surfacing was used for the countertop and the custom sink, which features a step-down design that allowed KWC's Ono faucet to be installed within. A Miele dishwasher in the island provides easy clean-up.