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Second-place winner of the Kitchens \$50,000-\$100,000 category, designed by Sandra Diaz-Velasco of Eolo A&I Design, Miami, FL.

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Kitchens \$50,000-\$100,000 - KBDA 2016 Silver Winner

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Second-place honors in this category also went to Diaz-Velasco of Eolo A&I Design in Miami, who recreated the full interior of this 1970s condo for a California bachelor who works in Miami. The client's request was for a design that reflected his California style, but with a Miami flair, and for an open floor plan that would work well for entertaining clients and showcasing his art collection.

The original layout of the outdated two-bedroom apartment had the social area separated from the kitchen, a room that also lacked storage and functional lighting.

Diaz-Velasco began by opening up the space into the living area to allow for better flow when entertaining. The same flooring – oval sized 24 x 4" grey tile from Cifres Ceramica – was used throughout the space to provide a cohesive look.



The kitchen itself was separated into two areas – the back for storage, the front for entertaining. Along the rear wall are concealed floor-to-ceiling custom storage cabinets from Alonso Pereira, grouped with other similar objects and appliances. Included are a wall oven, microwave, cooktop and refrigerator from KitchenAid. A Bosch dishwasher is also featured in the space.

The front area, which connects to the open living room, includes custom lower cabinets, also from Alonso Pereira, artsy lighting and floating shelves for a clean, uncluttered look. Quartz surfacing in Coffee from Zetti, as well as a custom Stoneworks sink and Hansgrohe Talis faucet, are also featured. The Porcelain Calacatta backsplash from Marble of the World adds to the classic, art gallery-like design.