

BUYER'S GUIDE TO
DECORATIVE HARDWARE

Signature Kitchens & baths

IDEAS FROM TODAY'S TOP DESIGNERS

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**A TEXAS-SIZED
KITCHEN SERVES
UP SOUTHERN
HOSPITALITY**



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INSPIRATIONAL KITCHENS AND BATHS

PLUS: **STEP UP TO SPA STYLE
WITH THESE 5 UPGRADES**





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SPECIAL FEATURES

Creative solutions to overcome budget constraints, solid surface quartz countertops and backsplashes for a seamless enclosure, eco-friendly design considerations

DIMENSIONS

15' x 10'

PRODUCTS USED

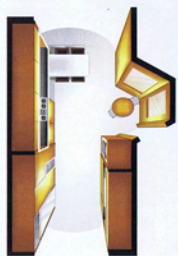
Cabinetry: Arterpractico Corporation custom
Flooring: Marble
Countertops: Compac solid quartz in Absolut White
Sinks: DAX International double sink
Faucets: Kohler Purist
Cooktop: Bosch
Ovens: Bosch convection
Refrigerator: Bosch
Dishwasher: Bosch
Lighting: Recessed low-voltage in ceiling and LED strip undercabinet lighting
Wallcovering: Benjamin Moore Eco-Spec paint
Backsplash: Compac solid quartz in Absolut White

Piece of Paradise

FOR THIS YOUNG family living southwest of Miami, their fully enclosed kitchen lacked the flow needed for their frequent entertaining. To remove the walls for an open, stylish, and connected culinary quarters, they hired German Brun and Lizmarie Esparza of Den Architecture.

With demolition complete and the area opened up to the living and dining areas, the design duo referred to their aesthetic inspiration for the new space: coconuts. Abundant in the clients' community, coconuts were behind the kitchen's color palette. The two high-gloss white enclosures and their matching interior workings contrast with the rich darker tones of the surrounding wood cabinets, framing and showcasing the main activity areas within the kitchen. Adjacent to the family room, a matching white breakfast table and corresponding light fixture hood anchor the space.

The white areas of the kitchen offer high reflectivity to utilize daylighting, and indirect LED strip lights utilize minimal electricity. Other eco-friendly features include FSC-certified plywood in the cabinetry, highly efficient fixtures and appliances, and just ½-inch-thick countertops to save on materials. With their space optimized for entertaining, infused with the feel of a tropical fruit, and easy on the planet, these owners now have their own piece of paradise. *Learn more about this designer at www.den.arc.com.*



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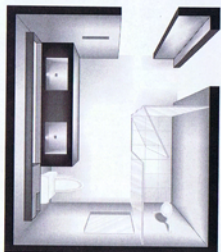


International Inspiration

WHEN ENVISIONING a new style for their master suite, this couple from Patagonia wanted to balance the charming ruggedness of South America with the sophistication of urban life in the United States. Hiring German Brun and Lizmarie Esparza of Den Architecture, they tasked the designers with completing the remodel on their tight budget. So they decided to keep plumbing fixture locations fixed for reduced labor costs, to repurpose the large existing mirror, and to incorporate prefabricated components from local retailers.

With their game plan in place, product selection began. As a starting point, the clients selected a mosaic slate that reflected the rock formations and color spectrum of the Andes Mountains. The slate's horizontal striations and layering of colors provided the inspiration for the rest of the suite's style. A series of horizontal elements combining solids and voids include mirrors, cabinets, and shelves. Tones of acorn brown and off white exude rustic appeal while chrome accents in the fixtures, accessories, and lighting add a touch of refinement. Finally, to create the perception of a more sizeable space, the shower was integrally designed with consistent flooring and a transparent frameless enclosure.

With their internationally inspired suite complete, this couple enjoys the best of both worlds every time they step in their bathroom. *Learn more about this designer at www.den-arc.com.*



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Style inspiration from South America, off-the-shelf components customized for the space, design utilizes daylighting to reduce electricity consumption

DIMENSIONS

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PRODUCTS USED

Plumbing Fixtures:
Kohler
Tub: Kohler
Shower Door: Custom frameless enclosure
Toilet: Toto
Hardware: Solid aluminum pulls by Cook
Knobs
Mirrors: Tightlines Wood
Works custom

