

For architect Seema Mittal of Perspectives in Mountain View, the beauty of building her own house was the ability to create the perfect kitchen—one that met her aesthetic standards while holding up to constant use by her family and large extended circle of friends and relatives. “For an Indian family, the kitchen is really the soul of the house,” says Mittal.

Collaborating with Deganit Albalak of European Kitchen Design, Mittal created a kitchen in a mix of wood and metal. Looking for cabinetry that would complement her modern home (a contemporary structure in the South Bay, clad in cedar siding and gray stucco), she found a sleek Alno line that

came in cherry, inlaid with the slimmest stripe of gray wood. “It was a great match with the cedar banding on the exterior of the house,” says Mittal. She paired the wood cabinets with a more industrial style faced with frosted glass; a row next to the refrigerator is lit from within, adding drama to the back wall.

During the family’s frequent gatherings, everyone stands around the big island to prep meals together, and pre-dinner snacks are served on the floating red CaesarStone countertop. “With two teenage boys, there’s always food out,” laughs Mittal. “I really wanted something that could stand up to commercial-grade use, but I’m glad that I found a solution that worked perfectly with my design as well.”

Perfect Match

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When architect Seema Mittal came across the Alno cabinetry, she couldn't believe how precisely it matched the house she designed. RIGHT: The multi-level island is big enough for everyone to gather around and help prepare big family feasts.

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