

Tiburon Kitchen is High on Design

Local couple takes on contemporary remodel after European vacation

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When the owner of this modern Tiburon home visited the ALNO contemporary kitchen cabinet store on a trip to London, she decided it was time to give her own cooking quarters a complete renovation. Once back in Marin, she contacted Chris Chapek, principal designer of Novato-based Alliance Custom Builders, a design and construction firm. Chapek came up with an overall clean and symmetrical design by implementing glass art shelves with aluminum edging, which matched the edging on the kitchen cabinet doors, stainless steel appliances and the same

CaesarStone surfaces for both the fireplace and countertops.

ALNO San Francisco owner Deganit Albalak, who handled the design of the cabinetry, says the kitchen needed a “fitted” look. “The doors and panels were built directly around the appliances so that they fit seamlessly into niches and spaces, without fillers attached to the wall, creating smooth transitions with contemporary flair.”

To continue the symmetrical aesthetic, pairs of identical-height refrigerators, pull-out pantries, appliance garages and frosted glass cabinets were also added. To top it all off, Chapek created contrast with distressed hickory flooring.

The Kitchen Components

1. Wine refrigerator by Sub Zero, available at Cherin’s Home Furniture (SF). 415.864.2111, subzero.com.
2. Microwave by Miele, available at Standards of Excellence (San Rafael). 415.453.6070, standardssofexcellence.com.
3. Oven by Miele, available at Standards of Excellence.



4. Warming drawer by Miele, available at Standards of Excellence.
5. Refrigerator by Sub Zero, available at BSC Culinary Resource (SF). 415.626.6246, bscculinary.com.
6. Countertops by CaesarStone, available at Cabinet Design Studio (San Rafael), 415.459.8001, cabinetdesignstudio.com, and Lamperti Contracting and Design (San Rafael), 415.453.4500, floorsofmarin.com.
7. Cooktop by Miele, available at ALNO Showroom (SF). 415.541.0754, alno.com.
8. Plumbing fixtures by Blanco, available at Jackson's Hardware (SF). 415.454.3740, jacksonshardware.com.
9. Dishwasher by Miele, available at Northgate Sewing and Vacuum (San Rafael). 415.472.1281, miele.com.
10. Cabinetry by ALNO, available at ALNO. Fireplace by Valor, available at Hearth and Home of Marin (San Rafael). 415.479.2876, milesfireplaces.com.