

2011 KITCHEN DESIGNS

Without functional methods of kitchen storage and design, a household suffers – meals are left unprepared, kitchen utensils are strewn haphazardly across countertops, and the family ends up eating greasy take-out in front of the TV. Fortunately, *TH&L* understands the importance of a well-designed and outfitted kitchen, and we are ready to help readers avoid the aforementioned culinary nightmare. This issue, we share the latest kitchen trends, designs, and products to ensure that kitchens across Texas are beautiful, practical spaces. Compiled by Kaci Neves

Beautiful, Smart Kitchens



Spaces Designed

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Here, Spaces Designed wanted to create a family friendly space with the utility of a professional kitchen. Three separate cabinet finishes were used to highlight each of the kitchen's different work areas. To unite the varying finishes, an iridescent, tri-color, oval glass tile backsplash was chosen. The kitchen's understated, neutral floors were chosen in an effort to keep the focus on the dramatic cabinet and backsplash. The decorative lighting over the island highlights the cabinets and prep area.

By Design Interiors

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This contemporary high-rise kitchen, with a spectacular beachside vista, was redesigned in order to provide a more spacious feel, improve traffic flow, and to maximize the ocean view. In order to accomplish these goals, solid wood cabinets with full overlay doors and a frameless box were installed, adding 25 percent more cabinet storage. To establish a space for casual dining, a custom banquette was built with a granite band to provide both visual interest and a place to set warm plates.

The kitchen's backsplash consists of red glass mosaic tiles and hand painted, stainless steel accent tiles. These rich, red tones contrast with the rest of the kitchen, creating a dramatic space with a warm feel, and the translucence of the glass adds depth and dimension.

One of the newest kitchen trends is appliance drawers. In this kitchen, the space was tight and the client's use did not warrant a full-size dishwasher. Installing two individual dishwasher drawers was the perfect solution. – Brenda K. Denny

