Culinary Delight

Blending function and fashion

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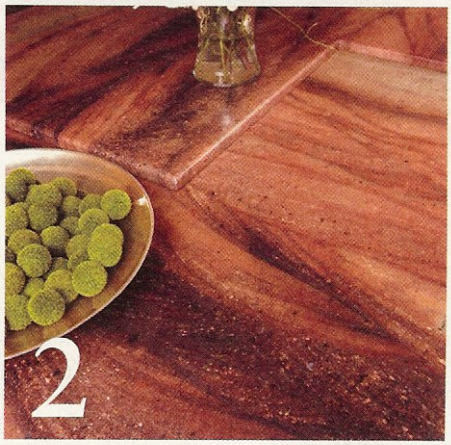
This homeowner wanted a kitchen that appealed to her contemporary sense of style. But, because this family spends a lot of time together in this space, it was important that the room be a place where all seven would feel at home. To help balance the cool, clean lines and colors of contemporary design, Kitchen Design Concepts infused the room with warm, organic earth tones.

1. Lift-up cabinets

Using lift-up hinges with UltraCraft aluminum framed doors and satin glass put a playful, contemporary spin on over-the-counter cabinetry.

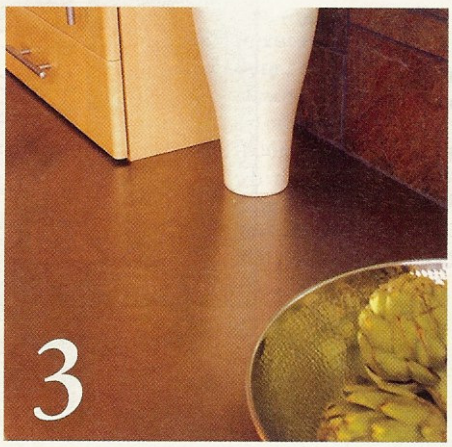
2. Island countertop

The Wild Sea Red granite has tremendous depth of color and movement and is split into two levels – not only to divide the dining and preparation areas, but to provide added visual interest.



3. Countertops and backsplash

The contemporary lines of the stainless steel countertops and seamless sink are softened by the warm earth tones and random pattern of the backslash's natural slate tiles.



4. Hardwoods and island legs

Custom-made legs on the island are curved to soften the look of the stainless steel. White oak floors create a refreshing contrast with the earth tones on the island above.

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