



Working all the angles

Meals just may
be the only thing square
in this Greenfield kitchen

By Karen Bradner

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When you pass through the entry gates onto the grounds of this 120-acre English manor style estate, it's not hard to believe that construction was a three-year-long undertaking. The home is enormous with massive mahogany front doors, multiple garages and two private lakes.

Then once you're inside the home, and have a chance to study the kitchen, it's easy to understand why it was the site of a year-long, hands-on, life-size geometry lesson. Some walls meet with obtuse angles, others with acute, but there is not a 90-degree angle to be found. And the entire kitchen is introduced into the adjacent breakfast and sitting rooms on an odd angle as well.

The shape of the kitchen was predetermined and to the drywall stage when the builder called Rob Klein, owner of Conceptual Kitchens & Millwork Inc. As it happens, the family's interior designer, Linda Morgan, had worked with Klein on projects in the past, so the two were able to get right to work on the tricky design.

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Overleaf: Rich details, like this island's curved front with bombé accents, add to the grandness of the kitchen's centerpiece.

Above: The large window over the sink serves as a pass-through to the outdoor kitchen and pool area.

Right: Along with dual dishwashers, built-in trash receptacles strategically placed throughout the space add convenience to clean up.

Opposite: The room's many angles are evident when viewing the lines of the crown moulding.



Starting to take shape

"The kitchen was oddly shaped," Klein says, "and the transitions were difficult. We wanted the kitchen to feel connected to the sitting room and breakfast nook to allow people to feel like they're part of the kitchen, while keeping them out of the way of those working in the kitchen. And the homeowners wanted to make sure we gave them a view of the sitting room's fireplace from the kitchen."

As the first step, Klein allowed the appliances to determine the configuration of the room's outer wall space. The window dictated where the sink would be, and then from there he placed the oversized range and refrigerators to accommodate a large family and a considerable amount of entertaining.

"With the freezer and refrigerator together, there's six feet of refrigerator space. Then you add five feet for the range, four feet for the two 24-inch dishwashers, 27 inches for the refrigerator drawer, an 18-inch microwave oven and warming drawer, plus an 18-inch commercial pizza oven," he says. The math switches back to basic math, but that's over 21 linear feet of appliance space.



Room for cooking and company

On another angle of the island, there are four comfortable bar stools that invite family and guests to be part of the process, yet separate from the cook's space.

"A cook can function well here. We were very careful with the placement of the drawers. When you stand at the dishwasher, you can put away the stemware, silverware and dishes. It's all easy access," says Morgan.

One of the homeowner's favorite features are the deep drawers flanking either side of the range, which hold all the utensils and supplies she needs within reach. "We use a lot more drawers these days," says Klein, "they just work better."

Form follows function

After addressing functionality issues, the design duo knew that due to the size of the kitchen, they needed visual weight in the cabinetry.

"When we called Rob, I took the blueprints with me," Morgan says. "It was evident this was going to be a huge kitchen. We not only had width and length, but the height was unusual."

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Opposite: These pullout refrigerator drawers, tucked in the island, are one of the homeowner's favorite features.

Above left and left: Two 36-inch refrigerators are cleverly concealed with cabinet fronts and Twisted Bovay hardware.

Above right: A brick wall was added to the room specifically for the male homeowner's pizza oven requirement.





Opposite: The fireplace and television in the sitting room are easily viewed during family gatherings in the kitchen.

Above: The china cabinet behind the island's bar area provides easy access to serving pieces.

To give the homeowners the visual impact and custom quality they needed, Klein chose Wm Ohs cabinetry. "There's no finer cabinet company than Wm Ohs," Klein says.

To balance the number of appliances in the room, Klein used tall cabinets and included a large china cabinet in his plans. This gives the family plenty of wall storage and works well for keeping serving pieces just behind the breakfast bar.

Cabinet doors conceal the front panels of those two 36-inch wide Sub-Zeros. With dramatic Twisted Bovay hardware, the unopened refrigerator looks like an armoire.

After the cabinetry was in place, Morgan brought in muralists Pam and Dave Schmidt. She wanted them to see the weight of the cabinets, so it would let them know the scale the artwork needed to be. It was important to create something warm and inviting, but not so formal that it didn't fit in with the rest of the room.

The result is a large Tuscan mural painted above the cooktop that serves as a focal point of the room. "Anytime you have a bottle of wine and a loaf of bread, it's Tuscan," Morgan says.

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Another great view is over the sink, where windows slide open and serve as a pass-through to an outdoor kitchen with a view of the grounds and lake beyond. "We grill out non-stop in the warmer months," the homeowner says. She loves how the window allows her to prepare and serve without carrying everything around and out through the sitting room doors. A Roman shade softens the window and provides complete privacy at night.

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Opposite: This Tuscan mural was designed and painted by muralists Pam and Dave Schmidt.

Left: Metallic accent tiles above the cooktop carry out the Tuscan theme.



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Making space for priorities

"My previous kitchen was a small galley-style kitchen. So this space is great," says the homeowner. But despite the scale and the grandeur, she says she is really a very casual cook and entertainer. "With four children, we entertain kids mostly," she says. "We have eight or nine kids around here most of the time. I have all this china, and my husband isn't sure why." 🍷

Above: Windows in the breakfast area provide a sweeping view of one of the lakes and much of the surrounding acreage.

RESOURCES

Homebuilder:

Artisan Homes

Kitchen designer:

Rob Klein, Conceptual Kitchens & Millwork Inc.

Designer:

Linda Morgan, Morgan Interiors Inc.

Contractor:

Leonard Watson, Artisan Homes

Cabinetry:

Mahogany with dye finish, and Alder Bombé with Raven finish on the island, Wm Ohs

Flooring:

Canyon Earthscapes, Santarossa Mosaic & Tile Company

Countertops:

Dakota Mahogany Granite, Santarossa Mosaic & Tile Company

Backsplash:

Accents by Crossville, Santarossa Mosaic & Tile Company

Sinks:

Kohler

Faucets:

Elkay

Dishwasher:

Asko

Refrigerator:

Sub-Zero 601R and 601F, 700 series drawers

Range:

60-inch Wolf

Microwave:

GE

Warming drawer:

Dacor

Pizza oven:

Baker's Pride

Lighting:

Berkshire by Savoy House, Indiana Lighting

Mural:

Pam and Dave Schmidt, PJB Creations

Hardware:

Cabinetry: Tob Knob Iron Refrigerator: Twisted Boway, LB Brass

Window treatments:

Morgan Interiors Inc.