

LIVING SPACES



"Revival" architectural styles look to the past for inspiration. As such, the arched window overlooking the peaceful garden from the ground floor is one of the most popular and frequented integrated elements from early Mission style architecture. Black granite perimeter countertops set off the new, white, kitchen cabinets by Plato.

Remember Kraft Velveeta? I sure do! I may not remember the 100 plus commercials that I decorated sets for, but, I do remember the set for Kraft Velveeta. Why? Because it was the only set that required nothing. Nada. Not even a knob for the "whitest white" cabinetry. Sponge at the kitchen stainless steel sink? Nope. Cookie jar? Never. Kitchen Aid white mixer? Absolutely not! I had a long list of unique kitchen decor items which I found and I had four big tables filled with every decorative kitchen essential and nothing was used. The pop of color was Velveeta cheese being poured from a white gravy boat. So, I guess one item was actually used.

Thankfully, new and remodeled kitchens in everyday life appreciate all the bells and whistles that the heart of the home has to offer. And there are lots of details; so many, it is often hard to pick items such as the perfect pot filler (which happens to be at the top of my "must have in every kitchen" list).

Stephanie Wilson and Ron Ungerer conquered their dream kitchen list and the result is simply breathtaking! This on-the-go family of four has lived in Hope Ranch since 1984 when they purchased a lovely Edwards and Plunkett home, originally built in 1926. The goals of their kitchen remodel were to update the look of a very '80s kitchen, remove an interior

hallway to open up and improve the functionality of the overall space and most importantly keep the look of the original home.

Stephanie, a real estate agent with Sotheby's International Realty, and Ron, a pulmonary physician, wanted direct access to their outdoor eating area-which they accomplished in this remodel. Stephanie says, "It is truly a gift to just open the door and be outside instead of having to walk through various rooms to get outside."

The timeworn kitchen, with its traditional ceramic tile, dark cabinetry and old appliances did not match the elegance of this Mission Revival home. The stylish new kitchen boasts high end cabinetry and the latest in kitchen appliances. Black granite perimeter countertops and a Caesar stone countertop on the central island give the impression of Carrera marble: but, requires minimal maintenance. Removing the hallway added a generous four feet to the kitchen area and created an open floor plan that allowed for more

natural light to flood the space. The remodel also created the opportunity for a previously wasted corner to be turned into a butler's pantry and connected the kitchen to the laundry room.

The new kitchen is stunning and most importantly to this family-functional space which is perfect for their lifestyle. Cooking meals together as a family is one of their greatest pleasures. Entertaining in this space is also extremely easy.

Dennis Thompson, the project architect, did a superb job and Allen Construction delivered "on budget and on time." In fact, Stephanie and Ron are so happy with their new space that their next project has started with Allen Construction.

The Wilson/Ungerer house will celebrate a 90th birthday this year; complete with Champagne and a delicious cake from Jeanine's.

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Caesarstone countertops on the central island allows for high traffic use; yet requires minimal maintenance.

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Hexagonal decorative tile by NS Ceramics echoes the elegance and style of the home's Mission Revival aesthetic.



This remodel reflects the advantage of using wasted space to become a functional and stylish butler's pantry.



"Time for a Celebration!" Vanilla and Strawberry cake provided by Jeaninne's Cafe and Bakery.