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striking palette

A TIRED KITCHEN IS REFRESHED WITH BOLD DESIGN ELEMENTS

WISH LIST

- Modern galley-style kitchen
- A large island with a cooktop
- A kitchen without cabinets that turn a corner and cabinets away from the walls to let them breathe

When the owners of a 1980s Arts and Crafts home in Durham, North Carolina, decided it was time to refresh their tired kitchen décor, they called on kitchen designer Zack Simmons, ASID and NKBA of CKS Kitchens & Design.

Because one of the owners is a principal at a large architectural firm and he originally designed the house, it was not necessary to make major changes to the layout. Simmons adds, "The kitchen is basically a footprint replacement of their last kitchen. The elements—fridge, sink, cooktop, ovens—all stayed in their original locations."

However, several new elements requested by the homeowners were added to the kitchen. A cabinet just to the right of the refrigerator was added to hold the owner's stemware, and an open wall cabinet was placed to the right of the main window. Bold designs include a rectangular wine rack painted in a bright blue shade.

Another striking new design element added during the remodel is the reddish-orange panel that runs to the ceiling by the cooktop. "We did this to add color and a design element to that area for the same reason we added the wine rack," says Simmons.

Interior designer Julie Staelin, who had worked with the homeowners in the past as well as CKS, was responsible for the unique color palette and finishes.

One challenge came up during the renovation that affected the placement of the cabinets: the ceiling was not level. "We had intended for the cabinets to have a square band that would go all the way around the ceiling—in essence a crown molding," explains Simmons. "To overcome this we just left the molding off and have a small shadow line above the cabinets."

The kitchen combines several different lighting styles, including recessed lighting designed by Sid Phillips of Professional Lighting. "He suggested an array of recessed lighting because of the low ceiling height," says Simmons. A pendant light hanging over the sink was chosen by Staelin, and CKS provided the under-counter lighting. —*Cynthia Ward Vesey*



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>>> SPECIAL FEATURES:

Large built-in wine rack and shelf unit for accessories; A cabinet to the right of the refrigerator to hold wine glasses and other stemware; Countertops made with CaesarStone, a quartz-based engineered stone; Reddish orange decorative panel that runs to the ceiling by the cooktop and hood

LOCATION: Durham, NC**DIMENSIONS:** 16' by 12'**PRODUCTS USED:**

- Refrigerator: KitchenAid
- Wall oven, microwave and cooktop: Dacor
- Hood: Zephyr
- Dishwasher: Bosch
- Faucet: Franke
- Sink: Blanco
- Red cabinet knobs: Green Street Details
- Wire cabinet pulls: Valli and Valli
- Lighting: Professional Lighting

The vibrant new kitchen, featuring shades of orange, green, red and blue, is a big departure from the previous all-white kitchen. The cabinets are stained maple with a very subtle grain.

OPPOSITE: The spacious wine rack features a bold blue shade. Black granite was placed around the wine rack for a striking effect.

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