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color it comfortable

Space-extending moves and budget-stretching materials turn a tiny 1960s kitchen into a vibrant family hub.

WRITER AND FIELD EDITOR ANDREA CALGHEY
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before



THIS PHOTO Orange countertops and accents pop against clean white cabinetry in Kristy and Martin Kropat's cheerful kitchen.





OPPOSITE A stainless-steel sink with an equally sleek faucet suits the kitchen's contemporary vibe. **LEFT** A bank of drawers provides handy storage; oversize pulls add to the room's contemporary aesthetic. **BELOW** Upper cabinets with frosted-glass doors hinge at the top, providing easy access to Kristy's dinnerware.

room and create a 16x9½-foot expanse that opens to the family room. She also raised the ceiling and ditched the existing fluorescent lighting in favor of recessed fixtures and a skylight. "Our skylight is actually a solar tube inset into a rectangular cutout in the ceiling that is covered in frosted acrylic," Kristy says. "It gave me the shape I wanted, plus great light at a fraction of the cost."

She also generated a feeling of greater spaciousness in other ways: White cabinets and appliances seem to recede into the walls, while frosted-glass upper cabinets are mounted well below the ceiling to leave visual breathing room. Closer to the floor, Kristy recessed the cabinetry toe-kick by 9 inches to suggest that the base units are floating. Repetition of square and rectangular shapes among the elements—cabinetry, appliances, tiles, and lighting—maintains visual continuity, which also enhances spaciousness.

To stretch her remodeling budget as she grew her

Just one look—that's all it took for interior designer Kristy Kropat and her husband, Martin, to see that the tiny and isolated kitchen of their 1960s San Diego home would have to be changed. Though previous owners

had tried to mask the 8x9-foot room's deficiencies by adding granite countertops, the couple knew it would take more than a quick fix to get the kitchen they wanted—a bright, open gathering space for themselves and their two toddlers, Lucas and Karsten.

"We longed for a kitchen as the true hub of our home," Kristy says, "a space that would flow smoothly from the living room in front to the family room and yard in back. The original kitchen was closed off, dark, and dreary, and its awkward floor plan obscured any sunlight from the family room sliders."

The solution was obvious to Kristy: Remove two walls to incorporate space from the former dining



kitchen, Kristy used cabinetry that has an expensive European look but is made in the United States. "Keeping appliances and the sink in the same place also left more money for splurges like the glass tile backsplash and aluminum pulls," she says. Kristy also purchased a combination microwave/ventilation hood that saves space and money, too. "Its white color blends with the cabinetry and doesn't scream for attention," she says.

Being flexible on appliance choices can yield big savings, Kristy says. "People don't realize there are lots of midrange appliances that may offer more options for less money than higher-end professional versions," she says. An example is the couple's economical slide-in range, which offers many of the same features as larger, pricier models.

Ample and accessible storage was also important to the couple, as they love to host large family gatherings. "While the old kitchen had no pantry, my two new 24-inch-wide pantries offer 10 roll-out shelves," Kristy says. Vertical dividers above the pantries are perfect for storing cookie sheets, while a corner cabinet between the sink and dishwasher has a two-tier lazy Susan. "Upper cabinets hinged at the top provide wonderful access because the door is above your head," Kristy says. "Nearly all lower cabinets are drawers for ease of use and better space utilization."



COLOR WITH CARE

Kristy Knapal's colorful kitchen has just the right mix of bright with white. Here are some tips for adding color.

BE CAREFUL.

Adding color can paralyze a homeowner. To overcome that fear, Kristy, an interior designer, says to mix confidence with caution. "Be fearless but strategic, too."

THINK STRATEGICALLY.

"Try using color in only one area and surround it with neutrals. This creates impact and depth without excess," Kristy says. "Also, consider using color on a horizontal surface where it is less intense than when used vertically."

CONSIDER WEAR AND TEAR.

The ends of the vibrant orange quartz surfacing countertops fall to the floor with a waterfall edge. This creates a smooth, seamless line, creating a playful vertical splash visible from the family room. It's also a practical design. "With two small boys, vulnerable white cabinet sides in a high-traffic area are sure to show wear," she says. "Because the quartz is more durable, it has passed the test without a scratch."

MIX TEXTURES.

When repeating a color, keep it interesting by varying features and finishes, as Kristy did with the white in her kitchen. "The cabinets are a white matte and the appliances are glossy," she says. The subtle interplay also provides the perfect foil to the potent pop of orange.

In a couple of final bold strokes, Kristy chose orange quartz-surfacing for the countertops, then replaced dated linoleum flooring with light ash. The Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood planks are 7 inches wide and 8 feet long, helping the room feel larger. And their color variations hide nicks.

The flooring isn't the only eco-friendly material—Kristy integrated green elements where possible. "The backsplash tile is from recycled glass," she says. "The cabinets look European but are domestic, eliminating energy to ship them and making them more cost-effective. We also kept as much of the footprint as possible and reused the original window. Finally, better light from the family room and from our new skylight saves on electricity."

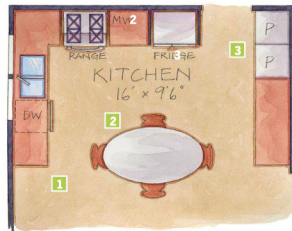
Now, just one look at this kitchen is bound to turn anyone green—with envy. 🍋

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ABOVE To the right of the range is a stack of drawers for handy storage. The backsplash gets some zip from a mosaic tile backsplash with a subtle shimmer.

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THE FLOOR PLAN



1. OPENED UP THE SPACE

Removing walls and relocating a dining area allowed the kitchen to expand and open to the adjacent family room.

2. SET THE TABLE

The dining area now straddles the space between the kitchen and family room, creating a welcoming central gathering place.

3. ADDED STORAGE

A new pantry wall boosted the kitchen's capacity to efficiently store canned goods, baking supplies, pastas, and snacks.



THE DETAILS

ABOVE An orange runner, striped napkins, and eggcups, from Martin's native Germany, complement the kitchen's Euro feel in a colorful way.

RIGHT The tones in the mosaic tile backsplash provides a band of subtle texture amid the smoothness of flat-panel cabinetry and quartz-surfacing counters.



THE BUDGET

APPLIANCES

■ Dishwasher	1,100
■ Microwave/hood	300
■ Range	1,800
■ Refrigerator	2,300

CABINETS

■ Cabinets (nonglass) and installation	11,500
■ Glass cabinet doors	4,600
■ Hardware	1,000

PLUMBING

■ Faucet	300
■ Sink	900

SURFACES

■ Backsplash tile	792
■ Countertops, including labor	5,400

MISCELLANEOUS

■ Chandelier	230
■ Recessed lighting	1,230

TOTAL

\$31,452

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Mat—[cadwallers.com](http://www.cadwallers.com)
Simplex single-handle pullout #K-649—[Kohler.com](http://www.kohler.com)
Window seat fabric inlet Stripe in Jet—[Outdoor Fabrics.com](http://www.outdoorfabrics.com)
Track lighting Tekla 5-Light Contemporary—[Lowe's.com](http://www.lowe.com)
Subway tile—[Home Depot USA, Inc.](http://www.homedepot.com)

Budget Chic Pages 24-26

Professionals interviewed:
Rebecca Flynn, CKBD, Borelli Design + Cabinetry, San Diego; 619/692-0734; www.borellidesign.com
Ruth Ann Taylor, CKBD, Casseidy & Fathbach, Pittsboro, North Carolina; 919/542-2578; www.casseidyandfathbach.com
Nancy Young, CKBD, Liseryn Kitchen & Bath Showroom, Montgomery, Alabama; 334/262-2799

Weekend Projects Pages 29-33

Hutch panel Refreshed Khaki #SW6149, **wall paint** Quiver Tan #SW6151—[The Sherrin-Williams Co.](http://www.sherrinwilliams.com); 800/474-3794; sherrinwilliams.com [P]
Wallpaper Night Club #GS4821—[Yorkwall.com](http://www.yorkwall.com)
Lighting; 800/375-9675; www.yorkwall.com
Place mat, **kitchen towels**—[Target Stores](http://www.target.com); 800/800-8800; www.target.com (product line varies).
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Fabric for shade—[Jo-Ann Stores](http://www.jo-anns-stores.com); 888/735-

4120; [jo-anns-stores.com](http://www.jo-anns-stores.com)
Spray paint for lamp American Accents Smooth Satin Finish Spray in Green Apple—[Rust-Oleum.com](http://www.rust-oleum.com); 800/323-3584; rustoleum.com
Tablecloth, napkins, place mat—[Target Stores](http://www.target.com); 800/800-8800; www.target.com (product line varies).
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Faucet Glacier Bay #102856, **sink** Glacier Bay drop-in bowl in white—[Home Depot USA, Inc.](http://www.homedepot.usa.com); www.homedepot.com (product line varies).
Towel ring from the Morieth collection in polished chrome, **soap dish** DwellStudio, **towel**—[Target Stores](http://www.target.com); 800/800-8800; www.target.com (product line varies).
Wall paint Heartfelt #SW6586—[The Sherrin-Williams Co.](http://www.sherrinwilliams.com); 800/474-3794; sherrinwilliams.com [P]

Tile tattoos Bembridge black-on-red—[Jane.com](http://www.jane.com); 2 June Co.; 813/832-5263; www.jane.com [P]
Wallpaper Cabin Boards in white #CT1937—[Yorkwall.com](http://www.yorkwall.com)
Wallcoverings; 800/375-9675; www.yorkwall.com

Déjà Blue Pages 36-43

Interior designer: Sarah Richardson, Sarah Richardson Design; [sarahrichardson.com](http://www.sarahrichardson.com)
Refrigerator—[Samsung.com](http://www.samsung.com); 800/726-7864; www.samsung.com
Range—[Capital Range Co.](http://www.capital-cooking.com); 866/402-4600; www.capital-cooking.com
Range hood—[Arca Electric Co., Ltd.](http://www.arca-electric.com); 800/967-3934; www.arca-electric.com
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Microwave—[Panasonic USA](http://www.panasonic.com); 800/211-7262; www.panasonic.com
Sink, faucet Simplex—[Kohler Co.](http://www.kohler.com); 800/456-4337; www.kohler.com
Backsplash tile glass and natural stone mosaic—[American Ocean Tile](http://www.american-ocean-tile.com); 888/268-8453; www.american-ocean-tile.com
Cabinet hardware—[Lee Valley Tools, Ltd.](http://www.lee-valley-tools.com); in the United States; 800/877-8158; in Canada; 800/267-8767; www.leevalley.com

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Kitchen table, bulletin board purchased at a mirror—[IKEA, United States](http://www.ikea.com); 877/345-4532; Canada; 888/932-4532; www.ikea.com
Fabric for bulletin board Orissa, **fabric for chair cushions** Gabriel—[Thibaut Design](http://www.thibaut-design.com); 800/223-0704; www.thibaut-design.com
Fabrication of bulletin board—[Elgin Picture & Frame, Inc.](http://www.elgin-picture.com); Toronto; 416/532-7031; www.elginpictureandframe.com
Counter stools—[Machine Age Modern](http://www.machinemade.com); Toronto; 416/461-3088; www.machinemade.com

Pendant lights at island—[Union Lighting](http://www.union-lighting.com); Toronto; 416/652-2200; www.unionlightingandinteriors.com
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Shell bowls—[Bronze](http://www.bronze.com); Toronto; 416/913-6545

Current Event Pages 44-49

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Cabinetry—[Abria Kitchen Design](http://www.abria-kitchen-design.com), Chicago; 312/943-7667; www.abriadesign.com
Cabinet hardware—[Clark & Barlow Decorative Hardware](http://www.clark-barlow.com); 800/439-3225; www.clarkbarlow.com
Tile for backsplash—[Tile Outlet](http://www.tile-outlet.com), Chicago; 773/276-2662; www.tileoutlet.com
Countertop Stellar Snow—[Silestone by Cosentino USA](http://www.silestone.com)

800/291-1311; www.silestoneusa.com
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Science of Style Pages 50-57

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Sink single-bowl undermount with shell grid #PRK10-21—[Franke Kitchen Systems Division](http://www.franke-kitchen.com); 800/626-5771; www.franke.com
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Chandelier over table Deco Deluxe pendant lamp in Kinoro fabric, **wall sconce in butler's pantry** Mendris small wall sconce in Kinoro fabric—[Lights Up!](http://www.lights-upt.com)

Brooklyn; 718/513-3770; lights-upt.com
Recessed lighting 5-inch recessed lights with white baffles—[Lightolier](http://www.lightolier.com); a Philips Group brand; 800/215-1068; www.lightolier.com

Color It Comfortable Pages 58-63

Interior designer: Kristy Kropat, allied member ASID, Kropat Interiors, San Diego; 858/405-3535; www.kropatinteriors.com
General contractor: Paul Hesikola, Hesikola Construction, Chula Vista, California; 619/200-1992

Cabinetry Venesia—[KraftMaid Cabinetry](http://www.kraftmaid.com); 888/562-7744; www.kraftmaid.com
Countertops—[CaseStone USA](http://www.casestoneusa.com); 877/987-2789; www.casestoneusa.com
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Backsplash—[Oceanis Glass&Tile](http://www.oceanis-glass.com); 877/648-8222; www.oceanis-glass.com
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Yellow pot—[Marshall Wallace](http://www.marshall-wallace.com); 800/627-7425; www.marshall-wallace.com (product line varies).
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United States; 877/345-4532; Canada; 888/932-4532; www.ikea.com
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