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# Large Kitchen

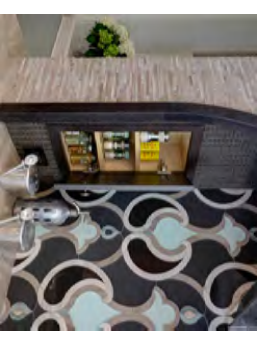


## The Moroccan Marvel

To create a functional living space conveying a love of cooking, art, and life in general, the designer drew inspiration from the homeowners' private collection: a stunning Moroccan antique door from a trip to Marrakesh. The clients desired a kitchen featuring storage areas with easy access to small appliances such as toaster, blender, rice-cooker, coffee maker, food processor and blender. They also looked forward to an open family space with a large seating area for relaxation, homework, entertaining, and dining. As this historic home was around the turn of the 20th century, many challenges were in store throughout the project. This included removing a structural wall, requiring a 10" steel I" beam. The designer also had to incorporate a "sofa and table to seat people, while making sure it didn't interfere with the main cooking area. Additionally, the designer had to create closet space to house shoes, coats, and cleaning supplies within the kitchen, provide external ventilation for the hood through a brick exterior, and eliminate several interior walls to create the large, open space requested.

As a solution to these challenges, the custom steel "I" beam was fabricated and installed to

allow for an open concept in the century old home. Interior walls within the original space were eliminated, allowing for greater airflow, natural light, and efficiency. A banquette features a sofa and eight seats with cushions used to emphasize the Moorish textures and furniture styling. Custom veneer panels creating the banquette area were hand-stained on-site and made to match the walnut cabinetry. A custom closet for shoes and coats was included as an un-tied section of the space. A remote blower was mounted on the exterior brick, cut out to accommodate the ducting requirements. Tall wall cabinets with outlets were included for



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the small appliances. A 2 1/2" thick Think Glass bar top was supported by custom, handmade bar supports and polished nickel stand-offs. A custom refrigerator/freezer door features glass panels with hand-etched designs. The hand-etched tabletop was also created to repeat the tile design from the range wall. Small hidden niches flanking the range give a unique touch to the hearth area. The Moorish arch around the range area was created using a laser cutout of the shape and covered with a dimensional ven-cut marble, and a custom walnut borders the edges. This eclectic kitchen housing many focal points and contrasting textures, serves as a functional, multifaceted space for the busy, city family!

## Products

Dishwasher: Fisher & Paykel; Garbage Disposal: Kitchen Aid; Microwave Oven: Wolf; Range/Oven: Wolf; Refrigerators: Sub-Zero; Ventilation: Custom hood with best blower; Warming Drawer: Wolf; Special Features: Steamer: Wolf; Cabinetry: Grabill Cabinets; Countertops: Taj Mahal Quartzite; Think Glass 2 1/2" thick crystal granular bar top; Faucets/Fittings: Newport Brass; Flooring: Ceramic Tile Intl from Virginia Tile; Lighting: Casco Chandelier; Slight drum shade xture; Sinks: Custom made by Mitchell & Mitchell; Tile: Mosaicque Surface; Manhattan Collection-Hudson Grande (behind range) & Hudson Petite (above refrigerator); Special features: Custom glass by Sheri Law Art Glass of Homer Glen, IL (confetti glass above appliance garages, pantry door, and custom ref/freezer panels).

