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Enter the custom kitchen of a gourmand, an acclaimed hostess and a novice chef, in turn, and you might expect the spaces to vastly differ from one another. Certainly, there may be efficient work spaces for the chef, grand kitchen islands for the entertainer and practical appliances for the inexperienced cook. But still, there are some elements every kitchen should have, regardless of lifestyle. So says Gail Drury, CMKBD, and President of Drury Design. "Steam ovens—everyone should have one," she says. "And of course, everyone deserves high-quality cabinetry!" As the leader of the design team that has been crafting custom spaces and cabinetry for more than three decades, she would know. Arguably the lifeblood of an organized, design-minded space, cabinets add distinctive design, unlimited storage options, and if built well, longevity.

THE NEW MAINSTAYS

Quartz counter surfaces. Exceptionally durable, with little maintenance required, this versatile material is becoming increasingly popular. Quartz can be manufactured in a nearly endless array of colors, grains and veins, giving homeowners unprecedented aesthetic flexibility for countertops.

Generous storage. From overcounter storage in a bathroom to floor-to-ceiling storage in the kitchen, there are now rightful places for all of our possessions. Drury Design's Gail Drury says customizable options make housing even the most cumbersome of objects possible.

Digitized lighting. When beauty and convenience collide, it's always a good thing. This especially holds true for interior lighting. Integrated lighting, which enables homeowners to control lights from anywhere with a smartphone or tablet, may warrant the wall switch obsolete in the near future.

"The key to mixing surfaces is to use tones that relate by sticking to either cool or warm families and to use strong contrast so the mismatch is clearly intentional and beautiful."



1. This remodel was designed to celebrate the original use of the structure, focusing on a 1930s automobile theme. The design features ample storage without overbearing wall cabinets and vintage-looking appliances. **2.** The modern and fresh remodel doubled the original footprint while also adding substantial storage throughout. **3.** A hotel-inspired master bath draws attention with mosaic tiles displayed in a rug-like pattern. The subtle blue hues make for a relaxing atmosphere.



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