



ECO-FRIENDLY ENTERTAINING

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Measure out a large prep space for cooking and entertaining. Add a pinch of "green" products. Mix in top-notch appliances. And, throw in a chic modern design scheme. The result will be the winning recipe for suburban sophistication.

The bones of this Wyckoff kitchen were good, says Ulrich Kitchen designer Holly Rickert, but the homeowners were looking to update and modernize the room for a better entertaining and cooking flow. Rickert notes the homeowner is a chef who loves to cook and entertain on a regular basis. "It was very important for her to have a large prep and cooking space but also feel connected to her guests," says Rickert.

The homeowners wanted to use some eco-friendly products, so they went with a cork floor and countertops crafted with a mix of concrete and recycled crushed glass. "A very intense and different kitchen material," says Rickert of the glass that is made at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, but a perfect fit for the look and feel of this kitchen. The designer stayed in the footprint of the original space but added a few finishing touches: a large window seat that overlooks the lavender-filled gardens, French doors that lead from the kitchen to the patio, and the creation of a half wall between the kitchen and dining room, which now gives the homeowner even more flexibility in entertaining. ➤

