



**HOMEOWNER
TIP**

Work with a professional
to get professional results
both aesthetically and
functionally!

MODERN MIX

KITCHEN DESIGNER: JEANNIE FULTON, CKD, CBD,
 ULRICH INC., RIDGEWOOD
 INTERIOR DESIGNER: KAREN WEIDNER, ASID
 WEIDNER DESIGN ASSOCIATES, ALLENDALE
 CUSTOM GLASS: ARTIQUE GLASS, RIDGEWOOD
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For a busy Ridgewood couple with four children, a larger kitchen was just the beginning of major remodeling of their turn of the century Tudor home.

"The goal was to create a larger kitchen that would facilitate communication between the kitchen and family room," kitchen designer Jeannie Fulton of Ulrich Inc. explains. "In addition, there was a circular staircase leading to a balcony off the second floor master bedroom. The kids petitioned to save the balcony so the design had to incorporate this unique feature."

Removing so many walls required a structural header and columns, which Fulton disguised with a traditional coffered ceiling and unique glass display cabinetry that draws the eye up. Maple cabinetry, painted in pearlized gray, by Draper DBS complements the ceiling's classic pattern. At the far end of the kitchen, the designer created a gently curved eat-in dining area. Interior designer Karen Weidner of Weidner Design Associates furnished the space with a custom oval, espresso-stained dining table by Bausman, surrounded by a custom curved banquette and four ikat-upholstered chairs by Hickory Chair. Four matching counter stools are upholstered in a durable, kid-friendly gray vinyl. Above the table, the homeowner selected Jiun Ho's Soleil Salon pendant to match a trio of Soleil petite pendants over the island.

While the main kitchen shimmers with cool nickel and stainless finishes and slabs of Calcutta Extra Select marble, the butler's pantry takes the glamour up a notch with glass-front display cabinets, a custom mirrored, hand-etched backsplash and gilded glass ceiling. Both are custom pieces by Artique Glass. >

