



Zen Contemporary

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A major facelift to a 1962 split-level home in Ridgewood included an ultra-modern kitchen that pairs high-gloss caramel-finished maple cabinetry with a matte ebony island and accent cabinets.

Designed by Bonnie Hufnagel, of Ulrich, Inc. in Ridgewood, the kitchen features matching granite counters and stainless baseboards and soffits that visually connect the spaces and create a soothing, Zen-inspired silhouette.

Hufnagel took extra care in strategically positioning the appliances for the homeowner, an enthusiastic cook. "The sink, cooktop and ovens were placed for maximum efficiency, as well as optimal ease of use," she says. A frosted and clear glass tile backsplash from Bergen Brick Stone & Tile in Wyckoff complements a frosted glass floor-to-ceiling display cabinet, both adding to the kitchen's modern-day vibe.

One of the designer's favorite features is the "waterfall" countertop on the room divider, a design element that cleverly conceals an essential support post. The kitchen and adjacent sitting area with fireplace are part of an addition that added 350 square feet of living space.

Stainless appliances, fixtures and fittings, including the XO wall-mount chimney hood, Sub-Zero refrigerator, six-burner Wolf range and cabinet hardware, underscore the kitchen's streamlined European sensibility. >

