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*Aloha Hawaii Home & Garden Network,*

*As I write this, we're mid-way through July, which means one half of summer in Hawaii has already come and gone. Wow. That was too fast. Summer in Hawaii is a real joy. Well worth the cost of admission.*

*July also means Hawaii Home & Garden has been up and running for one year now. We've come a long way. The first client who jumped on board with us, Hawaii Kitchen & Bath, their blogs keep popping up all over the place. Literally. New York, Florida, Washington and they have a fan in Wichita, Kansas. Thankfully though, most of their readers are in Hawaii. Their most popular blog over the last couple of months (but not overall) has been about Tech-Top's wireless transmitter fitted into an LG Hausys solid surface or LG Viatera quartz countertop. Subtitles: "No wires." Kitchen remodeling takes a step up into a wireless world in "Wireless charging through your solid surface countertop."*

*We've been lucky at HHGN. Having one second gen client was great. Having two, and I'm looking for where the maneki-neko (fortune cat) is hiding. Homeowners Design Center has been helping Hawaii homeowners with their kitchen remodeling dreams since 1969. They continue to turn out many wonderful projects year after year. And this year, their first with us, people have been clicking through like mad on "A kitchen remodel mixes modern updates of stylishly good taste."*

*Our bathroom remodeling feature comes from a business owner who loves the letter "S". Snowboarding and seamless solid surface seems to have been his calling, and his name also happens to be "Scott". INSOLID's feature story for this issue has also drawn a lot of interest on the Web. It's a great project with a great story, so we're not surprised. It exemplifies who they are and what they do in "Custom, solid surface, bathroom remodel exudes spa appeal for \$15.5K"*

*We feel very fortunate to display the expertise of these experienced and respected remodeling professionals showcased on our site. An entrepreneur once told me, "If they do what they say they will do, they do it for a fair price and they're easy to work with, it's hard to go wrong by choosing them."*

*Enjoy the rest of your summer. It looks to be a great one.*

*Mahalo,*

*Rick Presser*

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## A KITCHEN REMODEL MIXES MODERN UPDATES OF STYLISHLY GOOD TASTE

Featuring Homeowners Design Center  
Written by Andy Beth Miller  
Photographs by Ryan Siphers

Spring is in the air, and it's not just wardrobes that Oahu's residents are wanting to update for the new season. Trends in kitchen remodeling are constantly changing, and Homeowners Design Center is here to help islanders keep current with today's modern styles as they evolve.

When the Kawachis met with the company about updating their kitchen, Homeowners Design Center didn't hesitate to supply the owners with a wealth of ideas and information in order for them to find just the right fit for their remodeling needs.

Though the company didn't change much of the structural aspects of the room, the look and feel of the space evolved exponentially in terms of style and modernity.

“ *The owners were looking to do an update of their outdated kitchen.* ”

*We went in with a mixture of dark cherry wood cabinets with an espresso finish and upper cabinet aluminum doors, with some frosted glass inserts.*

*And then we added some white (quartz, low-maintenance) countertops which gave that nice pop and contrast to the look. ”*

**JESSICA OMOTO**  
KITCHEN DESIGNER,  
HOMEOWNERS DESIGN CENTER

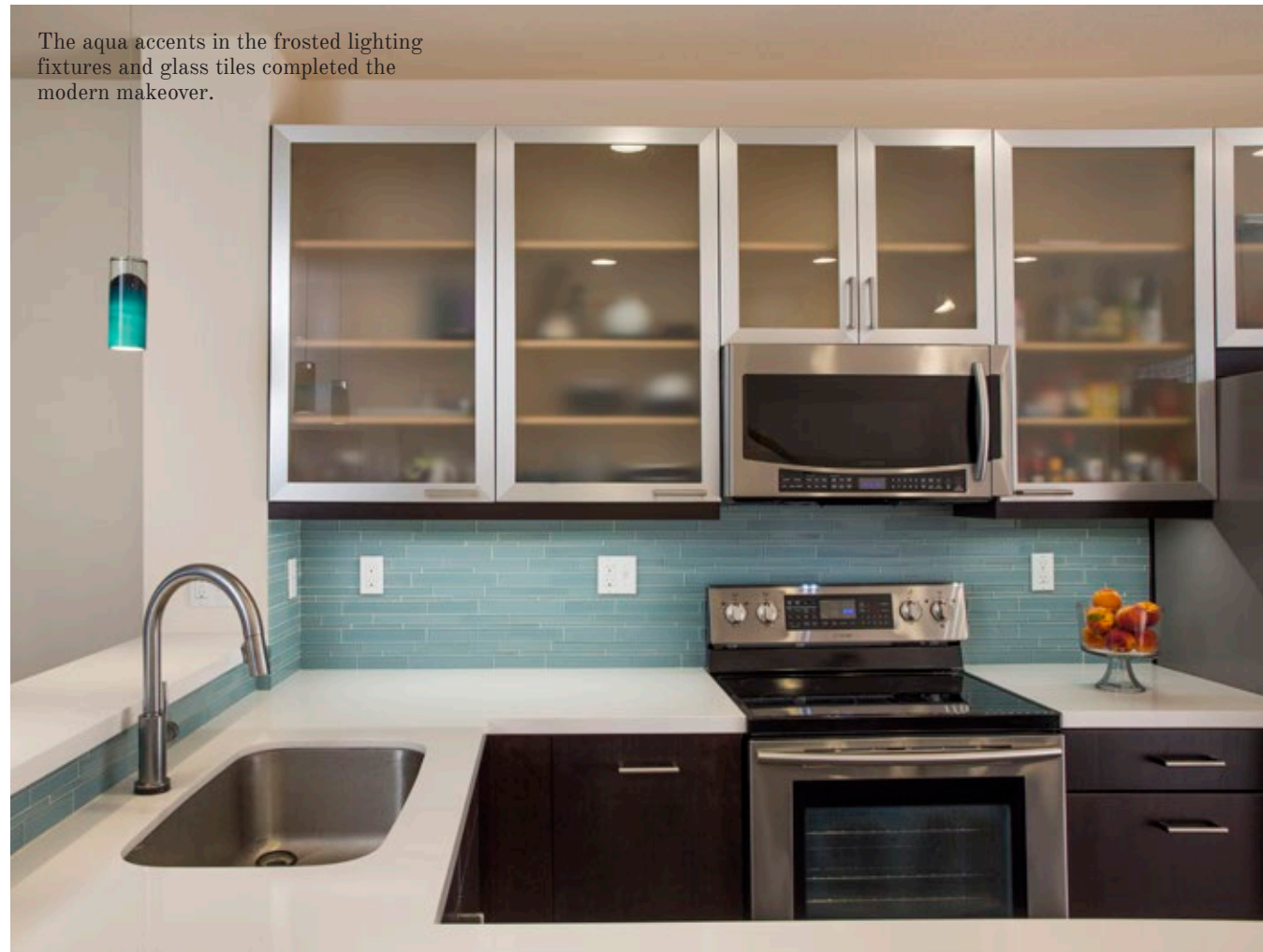
Using contrasting colors between the dark cherry wood cabinets and the white quartz countertop helped to create the modern look.



Omoto describes the kitchen update as modern and minimalist, showcasing, "...very clean, very simple lines." Acting as the perfect pairing to the cabinets and countertops are beautiful aqua accents seen both in tasteful, teardrop, lighting fixtures and ocean-hued tile. "We wanted to bring

in some color which was relaxing to the kitchen atmosphere," says Omoto. "This gives the room that nice pop of color, while still keeping it simple." The light fixtures especially, remarks Omoto, "...tie everything together and give the room that nice, finished look."

Modernity reigned in this kitchen remodel, right down to the tile, which Omoto explains is "staggered as opposed to just straight lines of rectangles," a look which she describes as being "the now trend."



The aqua accents in the frosted lighting fixtures and glass tiles completed the modern makeover.

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## WIRELESS CHARGING THROUGH YOUR SOLID SURFACE COUNTERTOP

Featuring Hawaii Kitchen & Bath

Written by Enjy El-Kadi

Images courtesy of LG Hausys  
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The charging station is embedded on the underside of the solid surface or quartz countertop.

(Image courtesy of Hawaii Kitchen & Bath)



LG Hausys wireless charging technology in the kitchen embedded in a solid surface countertop.

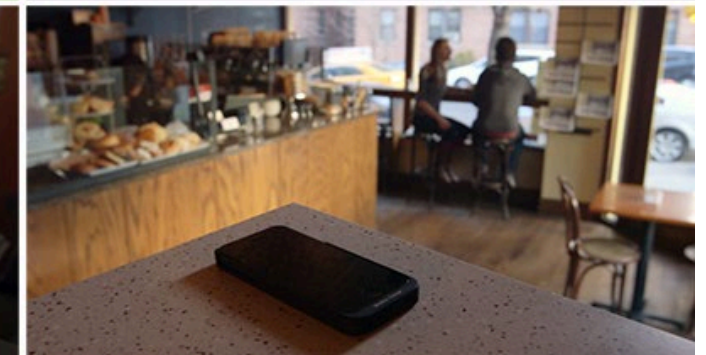
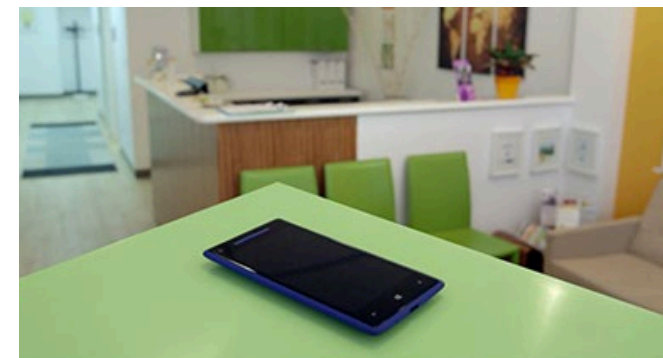
Keeping up with the latest technology trends at home can be a bit of a headache but now major solid surface supplier LG Hausys has a solution for one of those headaches. Most families already have a different charger for their phones, digital music players, hand-held game consoles and e-book readers, which is bad enough without charging cords getting broken, tangled, lost or mixed up with each other. Imagine never having to deal with another charging cord ever again—at least for your smartphone. Luckily for homeowners, home remodeler Hawaii Kitchen & Bath offers the latest LG Hausys technology in smartphone chargers, minus the headache! Why? Cause it's wireless!

Hawaii Kitchen & Bath, a certified solid surface fabricator of LG HI-MACS, now carries the new TechTop wireless charging station. The TechTop transmitter is custom-embedded into new LG HI-MACS solid surface or LG Viatera quartz countertops and is as simple to use as placing your phone on a flat surface made from these materials. The transmitter is a relatively universal charger, which finally resolves the conflict that comes with living in an iPhone dominated

household with a black sheep using Android. Cris Johnson, co-owner of Hawaii Kitchen & Bath, explains that "If [the device] is not supported, there are adapters or phone case housings that will work with the device." An iPhone and an Android could even coexist and charge together on the same countertop, as long as they are near separate hidden outlets. At last. Smartphone harmony in the same household!

The best part? The multitude of location possibilities! The transmitter could be sneakily hidden in the underside of a kitchen island, countertop, table and any other prod-

ucts made from LG HI-MACS solid surface or LG Viatera quartz materials. Charging your phone in numerous rooms throughout the house is possible by installing one in several rooms, since the device itself only costs around \$150\*. According to Johnson, "This product is ideal for the household with multiple devices throughout the house and in designs that lean towards the modern/clean look. With multiple stations planned throughout the kitchen and one in each bathroom, everyone can charge their own device at the same time...and you don't have to see the clutter of wires all over the place."



Multiple charging stations can be placed throughout the house with proper planning.



There is a catch for something so convenient. The device cannot be retrofitted with an existing solid surface or quartz countertop and must be purchased and installed by the same certified fabricator. But if you're already planning to remodel your kitchen, bathroom, countertop or house, remodeling your home with the latest in wireless charging technology will certainly update your home to the 21st century.

*\*Not including the cost of the countertop fabrication and labor.*

Watch the short video by LG Hausys



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**CUSTOM, SOLID SURFACE,  
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APPEAL FOR \$15.5K**

*Featuring* INSOLID  
*Written by* Andy Beth Miller  
*Photographs by* Konrad Perriton



A former Jacuzzi tub is wholly remodeled into a Jack-and-Jill, seamless, solid surface shower.

When an Oahu husband-and-wife duo wanted to remodel their bathroom (specifically the mirror, shower stall and countertop), they visited INSOLID's booth at a Hawaii home show to get ideas and brainstorm with one of the best in the industry. The husband, with his background in janitorial services (giving him astute insight into this area in particular), not surprisingly had very specific ideas in mind for the remodel. He sat down with general manager Konrad Perriton, and worked together to design and execute a bathroom overhaul utilizing a Corian solid surface shower and countertop, providing the couple

with a completely customized bathroom revamp with the ideal mix of low-maintenance upkeep and a look that oozes posh luxury.

Taking the bathroom's original Jacuzzi tub and shower, INSOLID replaced these separate features with a customized, single-unit, solid surface shower stall (with two showers in one), complete with his-and-her stylish caddies for storing items. The remodel also included a solid surface shower seat within the stall shared between the separate shower spaces.

*“ He liked the idea that our company could provide him with a product [Corian solid surface] that was seamless, non-porous and easy to clean, as well as having the ability to customize everything. ”*

**KONRAD PERRITON**  
GENERAL MANAGER, INSOLID

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A solid surface, scallop-edged, mirror frame simulating a wave complements the solid surface countertop and his & her sinks.

This Jack-and-Jill inspired solid surface shower evokes "an open space, custom spa feel," as Perriton explained was the specific aim of the homeowner. "He didn't want a closed door, and wanted a more open, walk-in, spa-style shower."

The solid surface shower and countertop was completed using a neutral burlled beach color—the material itself chosen for its seamless, non-porous and low-maintenance yet aesthetic appeal—and matched with a show-stopping, scallop-edged mirror feature simulating a wave that effortlessly matches the entire area's open-air motif.

The total cost of this solid surface bathroom remodel was approximately \$15,500, which includes \$13,000 for the shower and \$2,500 for the countertop. The cost of the countertop includes the dual, Corian, solid surface sinks. A nice, affordable sum for a complete bathroom remodel to take this couple well into their easy-living retirement years.

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