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Aloha Hawaii Home & Garden Network,

It's a brand new year and we hope everyone's January started off safe and sound with great new plans for the rest of the year. For those of you who observe the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Monkey is right around the corner, kicking off on February 7 (New Year's Eve, Feb. 8 is New Year's Day) and going on through February 13. Many of you may be making plans for that home, kitchen or bathroom remodel you've been putting off for the last couple of years. Perhaps 2016 is the year you put those remodeling plans into motion. If so, this issue has several great projects to give you some ideas from several home remodelers who have been doing it for a long time.

To kick off this issue, Homeowners Design Center helped a local personality plan the remodel of her Hawaii Kai kitchen, with a fabulous view of Diamond Head. After seeing kitchen remodeler and designer Randall Omoto at one of his remodeling seminars, she attended another one of his seminars and knew she found the design experts to help her with her project.

INSOLID, experts in seamless solid surface products for the kitchen and bathroom, also specialize in remodeling bathrooms with aging-in-place features, even when you don't need them right away. In this issue's featured project, they help a younger couple create a new bathroom addition with aging-in-place preparations, making the space and shower wheelchair accessible with no curb. Owner Scott Allen praises solid surface's versatility in helping to design the new bathroom this way.

Finally, if you're a lover of wine, you more than likely wish you had a great place to store them. Kailua-based countertop and custom cabinet experts Hawaii Kitchen & Bath and Deb Cullison of Deborah Cullison Designs was able to help one local wine lover create just that. A delightful custom cabinet wine center, housing a wine refrigerator where the happy homeowner can store his cherished collection for years to come.

Because of the popularity of our gift card giveaway, we're doing it again to kick-off the new year, and in honor of Chinese New Year, this time we're giving one lucky winner \$50 in gift certificates to the Little Village Noodle House. If you've never eaten there, it's worth entering the contest to try and win these gift certificates. We also want to congratulate the issue 3 winners, Lynda Takara of Honolulu and Judith Aboud of Kaaawa!

[Please click here to see the contest rules and regulations.](#)

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The contest question is: “[Whose idea was it to go with a small backsplash on the vanity countertop?](#)”

[Click here to watch the video with the answer to the contest question.](#)

Good luck! And kung hee fat choy!

Mahalo,

Rick Presser

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OUTDATED, CRAMPED KITCHEN GETS AIRY & MODERN UPDATE

Featuring Homeowners Design Center
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“Before” photographs courtesy of the homeowner

After hearing Homeowners Design Center expert Randall Omoto speak at a recent BIA Home Show, a local Oahu personality was impressed, and reached out to hire the remodeling and custom design company for a kitchen makeover.

As with all kitchen remodel projects, Homeowners Design Center began with a home visit, where Omoto discovered a common conundrum.

“ *Many of our projects have an over-utilized space and an under-utilized space, and what we’re trying to do is get more use out of that under-utilized space, and try to combine [them].* ”

RANDALL OMOTO
KITCHEN DESIGNER,
HOMEOWNERS DESIGN CENTER



Before the wall was taken down.



After the wall was taken down.



The final product.

The homeowner’s major complaints were the size and layout of the kitchen. “The homeowner wanted to incorporate a little bit more of an open feel, and at the same time make the kitchen a little bit larger,” says Omoto. Homeowners Design Center knocked down the wall between the hallway and the kitchen, immediately growing the kitchen 3 feet in the process, as well as now making the space dual-purpose.

As with every project, this kitchen came with its own unique challenges—one being the homeowner’s desire for an island with a cooktop and hood to be incorporated to the existing layout. Homeowners Design Center had to figure out a creative way—adding posts (matching the already existing ohī’a ones), as well as a soffit on the ceiling—in order to allow this to be added both with style and structural soundness. Specifically, the utilization of the soffit allowed the designers to craftily conceal the duct work for the hood, as well as the transformer for the lighting.



Known for their durability and longevity, the homeowner chose Diamond brand cabinets in a Shaker design, which also allowed her to keep her existing cherry, red, wood flooring without clashing. The chosen countertops' unique hue—shivaskashi yellow—also perfectly complements the flooring's existing palette. Omoto advises to look for

three things when choosing cabinets. Make sure that they are KCMA (Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association) certified, which checks formaldehyde emission levels in cabinetry components, among other things. Are CARB (California Air Resources Board) compliant. Finally, that they have a lifetime warranty.

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“Hawaii Kai kitchen gets an update”

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SOLID SURFACE WALK-IN SHOWER & BATHTUB DESIGNED FOR AGING IN PLACE

Featuring INSOLID
Written by Jenee Dana
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Shower pan with linear drain.

INSOLID specializes in solid surface materials, praising its unlimited design capabilities for both remodeling and new construction projects for the home. The material made for a great material choice for this new walk-in shower and bathtub addition due to its simple elegance, allowing for easier collaboration with the homeowners and the contractor.

Scott Allen, owner of INSOLID, advises people to “Involve us (early) in the design phase of the project before the contractor pours the slab, or gets too many fixed details that they cannot adjust (later)”. A well-planned design and creative use of materials like seamless solid surface can save you thousands of dollars in material and unwasted labor costs. The best part is, Allen offers these early planning services to his clients for free, providing even more value and savings. The couple was being smart and was “looking ahead at what kind of accessibility needs (they may have) in the future,” Allen noted. They wanted wheelchair accessibility and a shower without a curb.

One of the most unique challenges of the project was the linear drain; a long rectangular drain in the seamless, solid surface, shower pan. Since these features were very important to the couple, INSOLID created a new drain system just for them, having the top half of the pan sloped toward the center and the bottom half of the pan sloped in the opposite direction.

Adding to the premium look of the solid surface walk-in shower was a return wall; a wall that protrudes into an open area of a walk-in shower. The wall was wrapped in solid surface to blend in with the rest of the shower.



INSOLID mounted the bathtub on top of a large deck with a custom and seamless, curved front panel. Solid surface is a hard and rigid material and can be thermal formed to create an elegant curved shape. In the end, the materials

design flexibility allowed for the creation of a perfect walk-in shower and bathtub combo that the homeowners will enjoy for decades to come.

Watch the video for the answer to the contest question.

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WINE, AND CUSTOM CABINETS TO HOUSE THEM ALL

Featuring Hawaii Kitchen & Bath
Written by Rob Zendejas
Photographs by Deborah Cullison

You can assume a homeowner’s fondness for wine when you see it stocked on shelves upon entering their home. When that wine is housed on display for all to see in exquisitely crafted custom cabinets, like in this wine center shown below, well, that’s the mark of true love. Anything that’s been loved and nurtured by people since 7,000 B.C. must have made some kind of impact. The domesticated dog beats it out by about 3,000 plus years.

This custom-made shrine to Bacchus was a tag-team effort by two, experienced, home remodelers: Jayme Thompson, co-owner of Kailua-based Hawaii Kitchen & Bath and Deb Cullison of Oahu-based Deborah Cullison Designs. Thompson, a second generation home remodeler, was the cabinet craftsman, and Cullison was the designer who put it all together and made the space work.

“ *The homeowner needed a wine center for an existing space in the dining room but didn’t want it to look out of place. It needed to look like it was part of the original layout and not an after-thought.* ”

CRIS JOHNSON
CO-OWNER OF
HAWAII KITCHEN & BATH



Custom cabinet wine center.



Remnant countertop for the final flourish.

One of the challenges was to incorporate new custom cabinets without matching the existing ones in the kitchen and surrounding areas. Complementing them without clashing. Cullison had to incorporate a tall wine refrigerator for the homeowner’s vast wine collection in a space that’s used for informal entertaining.

The answer, recalls Johnson, “Custom cabinets. A stained, walnut, wine refrigerator cabinet “box” with extra storage above, a lower storage cabinet and an upper stemware display cabinet with custom glass door inserts.” Time constraints forced Hawaii Kitchen & Bath and Cullison to choose a wood selection that was readily available on the island.

Cullison and Thompson worked closely together to ensure all components were correctly specified before the fabrication of the parts. The wine refrigerator did not have the complete details about clearances so Cullison made certain with the refrigerator manufacturer that the housing cabinet complied with the manufacturer’s specifications for warranty purposes. “It’s this kind of collaboration with the designer that often gets overlooked but is crucial to ensure everything goes smoothly during and after the installation,” says Johnson.

The glass inserts were provided by the homeowner and created a focal point for the lighted, stemware, display cabinet.

The final touches of the installation ensured that the refrigerator was hooked up correctly, installing the display lighting and working with Cullison after-hours so that the space was completed by the deadline and ready to be enjoyed by the homeowner. “It’s the little details like going beyond cabinet fabrication and installation and working closely with the designer that helps make the project go smoothly and on-time,” adds Johnson.



Stemware display cabinet with in-cabinet lighting and glass inserts provided by the homeowner.

The end result? A wine shrine Bacchus would be happy to drink from. And if you knew the homeowner's taste in wine, you'd drink from it, too.

The price of the custom cabinets start out at \$4,800, depending upon the final finishes, and includes the installation. It does not include the cost of the wine refrigerator and remnant countertop.



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