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Aloha Hawaii Home & Garden Network,

No matter how many times you say it, it truly is amazing how fast time flies. We're almost half way through 2016, and it only seems like it was Dec. a month ago. It also means that I'm already half way through to becoming a year older.

Most of us will have to address the needs of our advancing age as we get older. For homeowners, that means getting your home ready for its own later years. Building materials deteriorate and break down, with many materials averaging 10 to 20 year life spans. Other materials even longer. INSOLID, experts in solid surface materials, are very familiar with helping homeowners prepare their homes as they plan for their golden years. Being Certified Aging in Place Specialists (CAPS) made them uniquely qualified to help a pair of Kaneohe Bay homeowners create their dream retirement home.

Helping homeowners realize their home building and remodeling dreams are what makes HHGN professionals special. Remodeling a home or a kitchen is a major investment in both time and finances, so going with an experienced home remodeler is the smartest way to go. Homeowners Design Center has been helping homeowners achieve their kitchen remodeling dreams for over two generations, and they did exactly that for homeowners looking to open up their kitchen space that was being crowded by an old wall. Utilizing open and floating shelving allowed them to create an even more spacious feel for this gorgeous kitchen remodel in Hawaii Kai.

The passage of time always brings with it the passing and changes in trends. With the kitchen oftentimes being the focal point of a home, it brings with it an abundance of trends that change year-to-year. The National Kitchen & Bath Association's "Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS)" is the national premier show that showcases the new trends in kitchen design and remodeling. 2016 showcased a number of new and exciting trends that focused on kitchen lifestyles. Hawaii Kitchen & Bath's Cris Johnson got a first hand look at these trends and shared some of the best ideas for those of you who have a hanker for entertaining in your kitchen.

What's a new issue of HHGN magazine without another contest? The prize for this issue's contest is a \$50 gift card from Liliha Bakery. Here is the contest question, relating to the kitchen remodel by Homeowners Design Center featured in this issue:

Which part of the kitchen was held over from the previous kitchen?

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Good luck!

Mahalo,

Rick Presser

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Knocking down a wall standing where the cooktop now is made this dream kitchen remodel happen.

OPENED UP DREAM KITCHEN

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

Having had their hearts set on remodeling their closed-in kitchen for quite some time, one Hawaii Kai husband-and-wife team finally decided to take action. Enlisting the help of their professional designer friend, the couple was able to put together their dream plans, and brought these desires to local Hawaii kitchen remodeler and designer, Homeowners Design Center, in order to make their dream a reality.

“ *She helped them come up with the idea of what they needed to get the project going... And then we helped them on the final touches taking what the designer had, and then doing a few teaks here and there.* ”

JESSICA OMOTO
KITCHEN DESIGNER,
HOMEOWNERS DESIGN CENTER



Utilizing open shelving helped to create an even greater openness to the kitchen.

When asked what the initial state of the project was when brought to kitchen remodeler Homeowners Design Center, Omoto explains of “a closed galley kitchen,” which the couple desired to completely revamp. And now, after the remodel—in which Omoto focused on opening up the entire area for greater flow and a more modern and efficient utilization of space—Omoto shares that the resulting wonder kitchen is undoubtedly “much more open now.”

Specifically, kitchen remodeler Omoto explains how they “...took down the [kitchen] wall, where the cooktop currently sits [which was also blocking a gorgeous ocean view],” and worked on an existing load-bearing pillar to “...dress it up a bit, making it look more appealing—by enlarging what that post is in true size—and completely opening up the space.”

Adding to the kitchen remodel’s impressive aesthetics

are its cutting edge Viking brand appliances—a flattop cookstove, as well as a fridge and dishwasher featuring matching panels to the cabinetry—which the couple chose themselves, and which Homeowners Design Center worked to incorporate into an effortless flow within the rest of the scope of the project.

According to kitchen remodeler Omoto, the Canyon Creek sapele wood cabinetry also made a significant change in the outcome. By utilizing open shelving over the sink area, as well as floating shelving over the island, Omoto explains that it “really helps to free up open space.” The pro kitchen remodeler also points out that the cabinetry’s lovely whitewash finish “helps to soften the yellows that you’ll find in sapele woods.”



The homeowners kept the existing oak wood flooring by sanding it down and adding a new finish.



Again proving their unique ability to create customized, winning results with already existing interiors, kitchen remodeler Homeowners Design Center was able to utilize the couple's existing wood oak flooring within the overall scope of the project, resulting in an effortless and appealing aesthetic flow between the new and "old" kitchen elements. Perhaps the piece de resistance of the kitchen remodel is its stunning granite countertops, chosen in a color known as

"rainforest," which, as described by Omoto, "...has a nice vein that runs through it."

When all was said and done, the couple could not have been more pleased with the results of their kitchen remodel—a project which Omoto is equally proud of. "It's the dream kitchen they've always wanted," she smiles.

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SOLID SURFACE DESIGNS FOR KANEOHE BAY DREAM RETIREMENT HOME

Featuring INSOLID
Written by Jenee Dana
Photographs by INSOLID

A Kaneohe Bay couple hired INSOLID to help with the seamless solid surface designs in their dream retirement home to provide a touch of luxury. The result was nothing short of spectacular.

Scott Allen, owner of INSOLID, recalls, “This couple own a house right on the water of Kaneohe Bay. They have a gazebo in the back where you can hang your feet in the water. It was their dream house that they were designing and (re)building for their retirement. This is a really great example of how we get involved on a full, new, construction build. We were involved in the kitchen,

all the bathrooms, showers, the tubs, the vanities, and wet bar, so it was a really complete job.”

Choosing color schemes for the home can be scary because it feels so permanent. The couple made a daring choice to go with the glimmer (color), seamless, solid surface countertops for the kitchen and it paid off. Glimmer is manufactured by Staron. The images show a beige color. However, in person, the countertops have a mauve hue with dark amber chips that accent the custom cabinetry and flooring fabulously.



The mauve hue, coupled with dark amber chips in the solid surface countertops make for a perfect complement to the cabinets and flooring.



The veined, stone look in the Corian solid surface walls for the showers is a relatively new look.

In the two smaller bathrooms, the owners went with two Corian products; tumbleweed and sagebrush colored seamless solid surface countertops and walls. The veined stone look is fairly new, providing the look of stone with the easy to clean benefits of the nonporous material. While the shower floor looks beautiful, it is not as easy to clean because the pebbles are very porous and the red clay dirt stains it. INSOLID also built large custom window frames for all of the windows and built-in caddies for the showers.

The master bathroom was challenging because the solid surface countertops and walls had a lot of intersecting connections of panels, but that didn't stop INSOLID from making a breathtaking spa-like experience in the home. They placed the Jacuzzi bathtub in the middle of the room with a beautiful partial solid surface wall wrapped around

it for a stunning focal point. The bathtub also had some custom features like a solid surface shelf, which encases the faucet fixtures and pullout sprayer. They also created a Jacuzzi access panel door with hinges and a latch, showing the attention that went into every detail of this design.




The numerous intersections of solid surface panels made the master bathroom somewhat challenging.




Allen loves his work and the people he gets to work with. "It can be a real pleasure working with local Hawaii folks. We did a lot of our financial arrangements at the gazebo right on the water, enjoying refreshments and talking story. It's not only about business," says Allen. When the job was finished the couple was extremely ecstatic with the quality


of work and the price. All together the project was about \$38,000. That amount sounds like a lot at first, but when you break it down into detailed custom work for six rooms, it is quite an affordable price.



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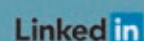
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2016 KITCHEN TRENDS FOR ENTERTAINING

Featuring Hawaii Kitchen & Bath

Written by Jenee Dana

Photographs by Cris Johnson

Cris Johnson of Hawaii Kitchen & Bath attended KBIS (Kitchen & Bath Industry Show) 2016 in January, the premier show about kitchen trends for the industry. The prevailing common theme for kitchen design trends focused

heavily on lifestyles, one of them being the entertaining lifestyle. For people who love to hang out with family and friends at home, now you can laugh, imbibe and entertain in personalized style.



Island with a coffee station in the background at KBIS 2016.



Keurig coffee station built into refrigerator.

“ We are coming into an exciting era of design. There are so many innovative products coming out, with technology that is being applied to appliances and cabinets for the everyday home that we didn’t have a couple years ago. ”

CRIS JOHNSON
CO-OWNER OF
HAWAII KITCHEN & BATH

The variety of new kitchen trends and design options provide more personal and customizable choices. Practical meets spiffy products are now available, giving homeowners more options than ever to update their kitchens to suit their entertaining lifestyle. Cooling drawers incorporated into large islands “create clean, modern lines and add additional cooling storage for bottles,” Johnson explained. Integrated wine cabinets and refrigerators allow you to keep your bottles at the perfect temperature while providing a stunning focal point in the kitchen. There is even a Keurig built into the refrigerator to save counter space – yes, please.

The common theme in all of these new kitchen trends for entertaining? A fun hangout space with crafted libations as the center of attention. Sectioned off coffee bars are making the cozy coffee shop experience a mere 30-second commute. Home brewing and craft beer have become very popular over the years. “Manufacturers have taken a cue and are offering ways to incorporate kegs and beer dispensing systems that are aesthetically pleasing and meant to show off,” notes Johnson. Shows like Mad Men and hipster signature

cocktail bars are bringing back the swag of home cocktail carts and dressers, with the modern twist of being on display so you can show off your signature cocktail and signature look. For some ideas on how to imprint some personality on a kitchen, Johnson noticed designs mixed with modern appliances and rustic floors and cabinets, another with a slight equestrian theme, and one had steam punk hardware accents. These new 2016 kitchen trends for entertaining are wide and varied, suiting numerous different tastes and allows the homeowners to get involved in the process.



Craft beer dispenser at KBIS 2016.

2016 offers kitchen trends and design options suitable for different household incomes as well. Making the kitchen more entertainment friendly does not have to break the bank. Johnson suggests working with a designer to add on trendy integrated cooling drawers in an island. If you have a small space to work with you can add one cooling drawer that is custom made and looks like it’s a part of the original design of your kitchen, rather than buying a clunky mini-refrigerator at the store. Johnson also suggests creating a small nook area just for entertaining. She created custom cabinets for a professional couple in a forty-eight inch space. The space had a multi-functional design as a coffee center in the morning and a cocktail center at night to entertain friends, with a cooling drawer for their bottles. It was a simple solution that worked with their small home and what they wanted to do.



Equestrian themed cocktail bar at KBIS 2016.



Cocktail and wine center at KBIS 2016.



Refrigerator drawer in a cocktail bar at KBIS 2016.

2016 offers numerous options in kitchen trends and design choices to make building your new kitchen, or remodeling your current one, fun, personal and exciting. With an abundance of personal touches and customization options, giving you the ability to work directly with your designer, why not start now?

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