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Aloha Hawaii Home & Garden Network,

Fall is one of my favorite seasons for many reasons. The many bright colors of fall, though they remain the same in Hawaii, and it also signals the coming of Thanksgiving and the holidays and all the great things that come with these two holidays. And of course, rounding it all out with ringing in the New Year.

For Hawaii Home & Garden, it also tends to be the time when we're able to add to our growing network. I'm happy to announce the addition of Design Trends Construction to HHGN. A talented home builder and general contractor, they've been in business for over 15 years. Owner Greg Liu has over 25 years experience in commercial and residential construction. Son Brenton Liu was awarded the NKBA's "30 under 30" award in 2016, in recognition of the twenty-something leaders, entrepreneurs and cutting edge designers leading the kitchen and bath industry. We're happy to have them aboard.

The issue features another beautiful kitchen and bathroom combo by Homeowners Design Center. The homeowners didn't have to do this remodel out of necessity but more to address some issues with space and style and to make it more functional. Homeowners Design Center also found a clever way of increasing the space in the bathroom so that they could create the larger walk-in shower the homeowners wanted. The end-result is a fabulous transitional kitchen combining traditional and contemporary styles.

We're also proud to introduce our "Organic Produce Home Garden" series featuring HHGN blogger Kellie Coyle. We kick off the series with organic lettuce home garden. The cost of organic produce in Hawaii is so high that having an organic produce home garden will help Hawaii homeowners and even Hawaii renters save huge amounts of money over time. What's more is that these gardens can be created in just about any size Hawaii home; in your backyard or on your condo lanai. And it's so easy to do that taking advantage of the savings is a no-brainer. You can eke out multiple yields with about the same cost as one head of organic lettuce. A must read if you're looking for places to save money.

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We all want to wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Mahalo,

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## SPACE & STYLE ARE CENTERPIECES OF THIS KITCHEN & BATH REMODEL

Featuring Homeowners Design Center

Written by Andy Beth Miller

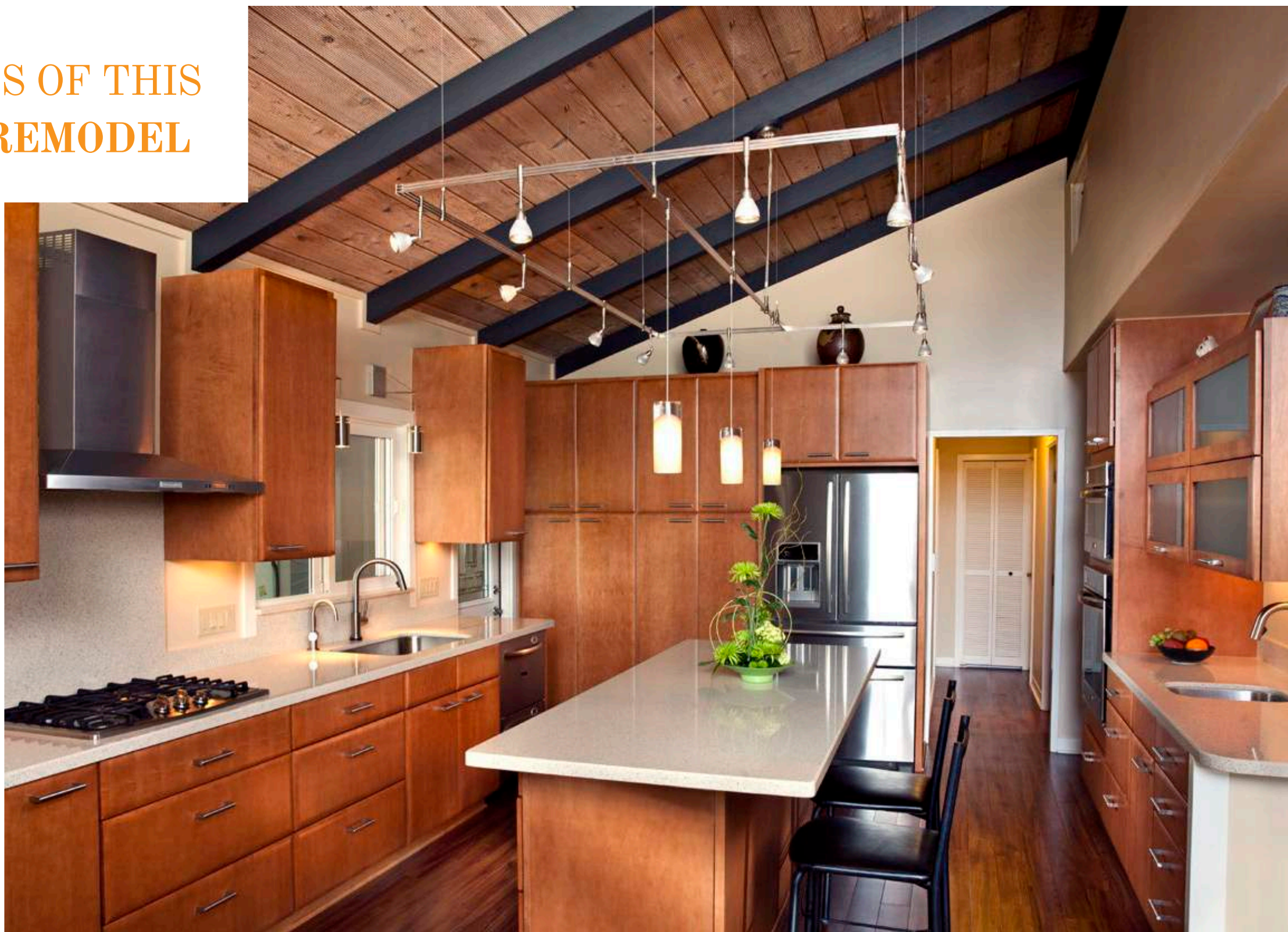
Photographs by Ryan Siphers

Husband-and-wife homeowners, the Yoshimuras, recently contacted Homeowners Design Center to update and remodel their kitchen and bathroom. According to staff designer Jessica Omoto, rather than being a structural necessity, the real reasons for the remodel were mostly aesthetic and stylistic in nature.

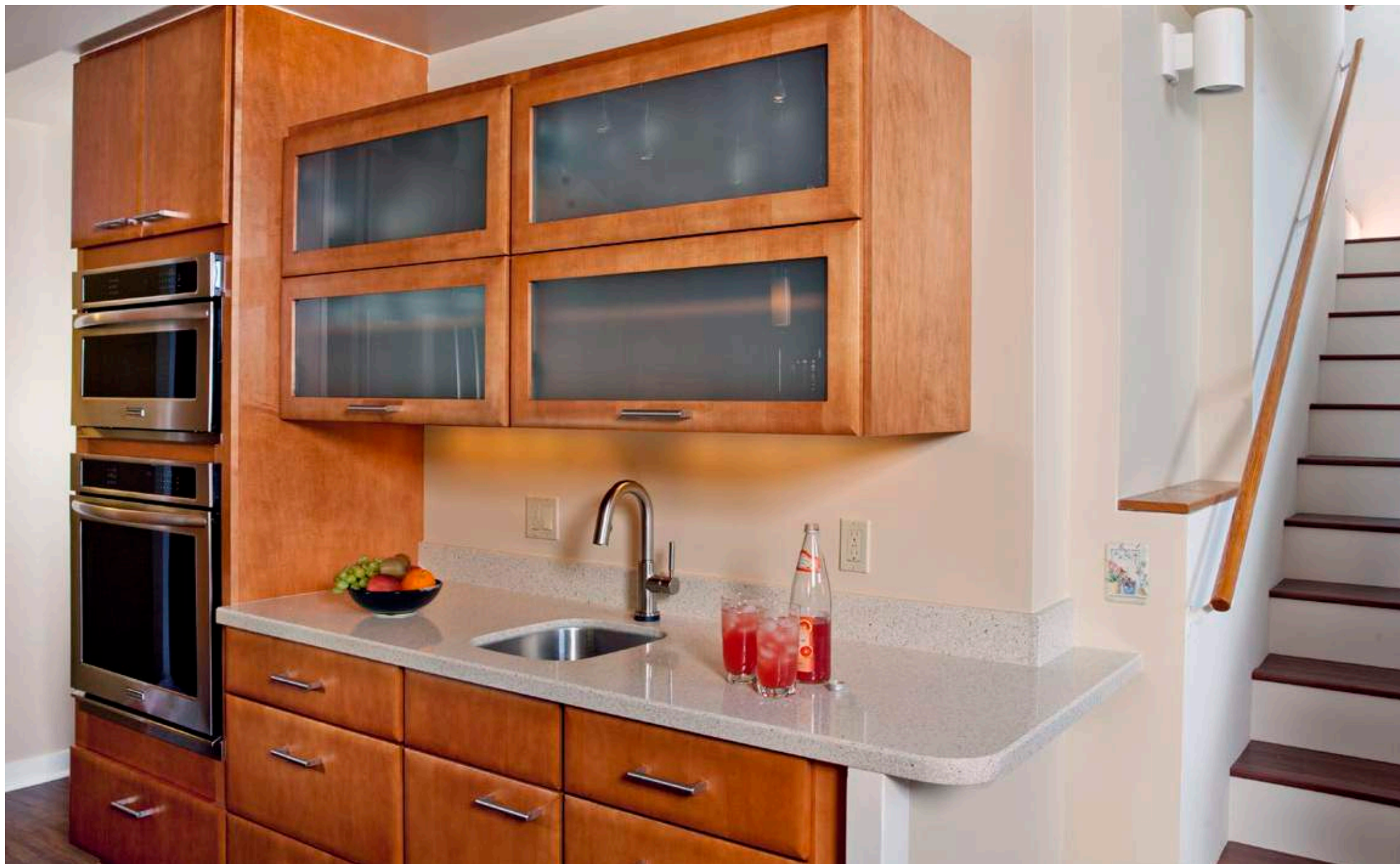
“ They had this weird jog from a previous remodel that they wanted to push out and extend the space, so that it was more of a rectangle (shape). ”

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

Omoto notes that the kitchen could have gone another 10-15 years before needing to undergo a remodel. As for the bathroom, Omoto says that, “They wanted to have a nice, big, walk-in shower,” one which gives you that luxury spa feeling.



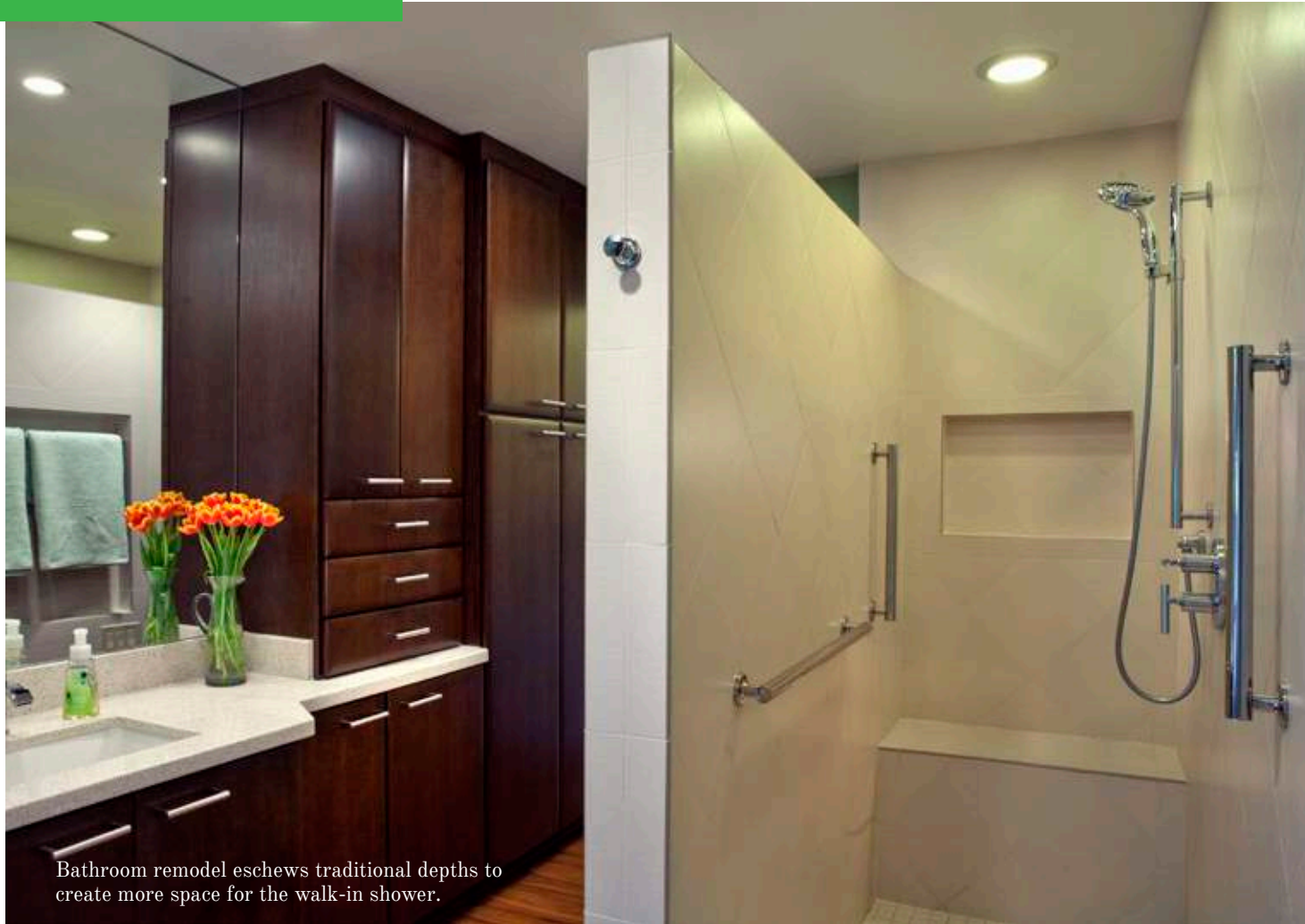
Homeowners opted to do a kitchen & bathroom remodel to create a style & design more suited to their tastes.



Kitchen uses a transitional design, combining elements of both traditional & contemporary looks.

In order to deliver the rectangle-shaped look that the Yoshimuras were after in the kitchen, Homeowners Design Center removed the the aforementioned jog, a countertop extending from the wall that was used as a dining area, and bumped the wall out to create more space. They also installed maple wood Dynasty cabinets by Omega with a beautiful butternut finish. Omoto notes the cabinetry's unique, wall, bi-fold style, as well as the fact that it was installed, "18-inches deep versus the traditional 12-inches," giving the homeowner additional storage space.

The countertops are engineered, quartz, ECO countertops by Cosentino, which Omoto explains have, "recycled content," and luxury vinyl plank flooring, which "gives the look of real wood without the worry," were also incorporated into the kitchen remodel, which was rounded out with state-of-the-art KitchenAid appliances. The lighting was from Lighting Elegance, who worked with the homeowners in helping to pick out the lighting, in coordination with the other design choices.




Bathroom remodel eschews traditional depths to create more space for the walk-in shower.

As for the bathroom remodel, Omoto explains that the same flooring and countertops were utilized here as in the kitchen, in addition to extending the shower space (which also included installed grab bars for aging in place), as well as a darker version of the cabinets, using cherry wood with a rich, chestnut finish. Omoto notes that one minor challenge that they had to deal with in the bathroom was creating enough space for the walk-in shower. "We did need to reduce the depth on some of the vanity cabinetry,

(and) at the sink area, we left out the traditional depth," to help create more walk-in space for the shower.

When asked to classify the look of the kitchen, Omoto describes its style as a unique, "transitional" decor, seen as a winning combination of traditional and contemporary, especially with the incorporation of the pillow edges on the cabinet doors.

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## NEW CLIENT: HOME BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR, DESIGN TRENDS CONSTRUCTION

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We want to welcome Hawaii-based home builder and general contractor Design Trends Construction to HHGN. Headed by the father and son duo of Greg and Brenton Liu, Design Trends Construction brings two generations of home building and construction experience to any new home construction or home or kitchen remodel. This

talented design build firm can help you with your new home from start to finish; from drafting the design and layout, through the build process, all the way to the final completion of your brand new home. And they'll be there with you every step of the way.



Oahu-based home builder & general contractor Design Trends Construction, a design build firm.



Head of Design Trends Construction, home builder & general contractor Greg Liu.

Home builder and general contractor Greg Liu has over 25 years of experience in both commercial and residential construction as a licensed draftsman and general contractor, as well as an interior designer. Greg founded the company in 2001 and is the heart of the company. Greg spearheads all construction projects from design to completion and ensures the highest quality for all builds.

Every company head needs a good right arm, and what a talented right arm son Brenton is. Awarded the prestigious "30 Under 30" award in 2016 from the National Kitchen & Bath Association, this award is given in recognition of the best and brightest twenty-somethings in the nation within the kitchen and bath industry. What makes this award so special is that it's a recognition by his peers acknowledging the up and coming leaders, entrepreneurs and cutting edge designers in the industry.



Brenton Liu, Design & Sales Manager of home builder & general contractor Design Trends Construction.



Home builder & general contractor Design Trends Construction are also experienced kitchen remodelers.

Every home builder needs a great support team and Design Trends Construction has an experienced and professional staff that will help you throughout the planning process and getting you a full set of licensed plans. After the designs and layout is finished, the team will help with colors, finishes

and design options for the home and kitchen. Design Trends Construction's project management department will oversee the entire process, ensuring an efficient and properly scheduled project.



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# ORGANIC LETTUCE GARDEN FOR ANY SIZED HOME IN HAWAII

*Featuring* Hawaii Home & Garden

*Written by* Kellie Coyle

*Photographs by* Kellie Coyle

One of the many great things about living in Hawaii is creating a home garden. Almost everything grows well in Hawaii and, let's face it, vegetables are expensive here. Take lettuce. The average cost of a head of lettuce is \$2.49; \$3-plus for organic. Why not grow your own? The same \$2.49 will cover the cost of a package of seeds which will yield much more than one head of lettuce.

It's easy to create a healthy, organic, lettuce, home garden. Lettuce will grow any time of the year and you don't need

a lot of land. Sure, it does great in a backyard garden but it grows wonderfully in containers of all sizes. In fact, I've grown lettuce "in the ground" and in containers. I prefer containers. They're perfect for a home garden for any size Hawaii home; even for a condo lanai. Containers are great for small spaces and create a barrier to ground pests. They can be placed in convenient locations making it easy to access and harvest. You can get creative with your containers. Just make sure there is at least one ¼ inch hole in the bottom for proper drainage.



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A mixture of organic seeds adds variety to your organic lettuce home garden.

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Because lettuce does not have deep roots, the soil in your container only needs to be about 4 or 5 inches deep. I buy the inexpensive garden soil and it works fine for a home garden. After the soil goes in, create rows about ¼ inch deep and 2 inches apart. Next, pour the seeds in and cover with soil. We get a decent amount of rain in Hawaii, so I only water lightly on the days with no rain but you want to keep

the soil moist at all times though not soggy. You'll need to water more if you notice wilting leaves. Because Hawaii gets a nice cloud cover, the containers can be kept in the sun. And remember, no pesticides in organic gardening.

It is important to harvest before the lettuce becomes bitter. Romaine can be harvested when leaves are approximately 8 inches while mixed

lettuce should be harvested when the leaves are 4 inches. Arugula is bitter to begin with, so harvest baby leaves approximately 2 inches. It is important to keep an eye on your garden to see when the leaves are ready. I notice that my lettuce is ready to harvest in approximately 20 to 30 days in my home garden.



Prepare the soil by creating rows ¼ inch deep and 2 inches apart.



Sprinkle seeds into rows and cover with soil.



Mixed lettuce ready for harvest. Red leaf lettuce, Parris Island (Romaine), butterhead. (left to right)

When harvesting, take the outer leaves first. This allows the younger leaves found in the middle of the plant to continue to grow. Some varieties like romaine and butterhead can be cut approximately ½ an inch from the roots. The plants will not last forever

but the great advantage of an organic lettuce home garden is that it will provide you more lettuce than just one store bought head of lettuce.

So with a minimal investment of seeds, garden soil and a reusable

container, you can produce enough lettuce from your home garden for your family and friends. And if you've seen the cost of organic produce these days, that can be a big savings over time.



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