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## SIGNATURE KITCHENS

Though the culinary spaces featured throughout this issue all share seaside localities, each kitchen boasts its own unique design. So whether you fancy the whimsy of Nantucket or the clean-lined simplicity of Malibu, we've got it all right here, page after page to inspire your own coastal-themed kitchen.





## Loft-Style Living

WHEN THIS CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER DESIRED TO UPGRADE HER KITCHEN, she called on Judit Meda Fekete, president of SPFarchitects. In the end, Fekete not only met her client's goals, but she exceeded them abundantly. Fekete designed the kitchen to become an integrated element of the loft-themed dwelling. A large walk-in pantry provides ample storage space, while remaining hidden from view, thus allowing the room to exude a spacious sense.

Fekete selected light-hued colors and clean finishes to complement the 8-foot-long window, which concurrently serves as a backsplash for the main prep area. An oversized island becomes the central hub for kitchen activity and conveniently allows the cook to face the room and the guests seated at her bar.

By blurring the lines between form and function, Fekete was able to fashion a unique kitchen boasting creative character. The design also provides plenty of space for cooking when the client hosts large gatherings. In the end, this culinary space perfectly suits the home's aesthetic and blends in well with the client's penchant for frequent entertaining. «



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### SPECIAL FEATURES

Eight-foot window also serves as backsplash; oversized island

### DIMENSIONS

14 X 12

### PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Custom rift-cut white oak  
Flooring: White oak  
Countertops: CaesarStone  
Dishwasher: Miele  
Cooktop: Miele  
Oven(s): Miele  
Refrigerator(s): Sub-Zero

PHOTOGRAPHER: JOHN EDWARD LINDEN







## Hub of the Home

WHEN THE CLIENT OF THIS COASTAL HOME APPROACHED ZOLTAN E. Pali of SPF:architects, the stated goal was to create a hub for the entire household, and that's exactly what Pali did. Within the kitchen, Pali designed an area that would not only appear spacious but would also feel as expansive as it looked. A discreet separation between the family room and the formal dining/living areas expands the room into adjacent areas while providing a subtle distinction to define each individual room.

The kitchen consists of two open galley: One faces the breakfast area and the family room while the other is oriented toward the formal living room and dining area. The kitchen also houses a lowered service buffet, which is also utilized as wall separation. Tall storage doubles as furniture-like boundaries between the home's main corridor and living area. And as the house climbs the natural landscape, the kitchen steps up to a slightly higher elevation than the dining room. This elevation change creates formal separation. Designed to be the ultimate culinary hub, Pali's creation met and exceeded the clients' desires for their newly remodeled kitchen. »

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### SPECIAL FEATURES

Wood buffet shelf; tall storage

### DIMENSIONS

12 x 20

### PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Custom  
Flooring: White terrazzo  
Countertops: CaesarStone  
Faucet(s): Grohe  
Dishwasher: Miele  
Refrigerator(s): Sub-Zero



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## Room with a View

THEIR HOME SITUATED SLIGHTLY INLAND from the California coast, the owners of this kitchen called on Zoltan E. Pali, principal of SPF:architects, to remodel their space. Their goals for the remodel were few: to position the kitchen as the main living area of the home. To successfully accomplish the task, Pali designed a convenient transition from the indoor and outdoor living areas and left the stunning 180-degree view intact. The marriage of indoor and outdoor spaces combined with the view make this space an ideal place to dine quietly or entertain guests.

To further emphasize the aesthetic, Pali treated the cabinetry as furniture and integrated the appliances. These design elements serve to blend the kitchen with the living room. Spot and ambient lighting celebrate the service island, as well as the open galley that connects with the perimeter flow on both ends of the room. An LCD television built into tall storage also serves as a divider for the living/dining area and the family room. The open design allows views to various living areas and to the exterior scenery. Since its completion, this well-designed kitchen has continued to satisfy both the clients and the designer alike. «



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#### SPECIAL FEATURES

Exceptional views; tall storage

#### DIMENSIONS

15 x 18

#### PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Custom  
Countertops: Custom  
Sinks: Custom  
Refrigerator: SubZero  
Oven: Miele  
Dishwasher: Miele

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