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A kitchen featuring extensive wooden cabinetry, including glass-fronted upper cabinets and a built-in open shelf for dishes. A stainless steel oven and cooktop are installed under a large, light-colored range hood. The countertop is dark, and a white farmhouse sink is visible. A wooden chair is in the foreground, and the floor has a decorative tile pattern.

DESIGNER

Barbara McLane is a designer and Owner of By Design Kitchens, Etc. Contact the designer at By Design Kitchens, Etc., Laguna Beach, CA 92653; 949/716-8911.

The kitchen cabinets complement the homeowner's extensive collection of Country French antiques.



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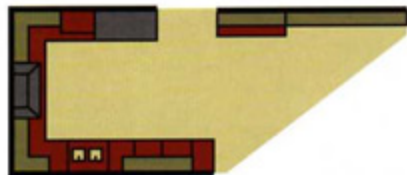
Special Features
Knotty pine cabinets with distress finish. Limestone floor with decorative border. Hood with custom stucco front.

Dimensions
11 feet by 19 feet

Products Used
Cabinetry: Infinity Custom Cabinetry; Flooring, Countertops and Tiles: Bath & Kitchen Studio; Floor: Beumaniar French Limestone; Countertops: Granite and Decorative Tile Backsplash; Sink: Kohler Interface; Faucet: Concinnity; Hood: Vent-A-Hood; Range: Viking; Refrigerator: Sub-Zero; Dishwasher: Bosch; Microwave Oven: Sharp.

Living in a perfect coastal location, it was an easy decision for this sophisticated couple with a teen-age daughter to transform their kitchen into a spacious new room with lots of personality and convenience.

Inspired by the owner's extensive collection of country French antiques, designer Barbara McLane, of By Design Kitchens, combined furniture-grade cabinetry with a very dynamic and functional floor plan to create a fabulous dream kitchen.



Providing ample room for storage with plenty of space for display, the furniture-like cabinetry includes smoothly gliding wood dove-tail drawers, roll-out shelves and a trash recycling pullout. By removing the narrow island, additional space was achieved to alleviate the formerly crowded high-traffic areas.

The decorative border on the floor was designed using terra cotta tiles to mimic a country throw rug, but is both easier and safer in this busy but beautiful hard-working kitchen. Avid gourmet cooks, these homeowners are now able to create a variety of sumptuous meals in their new user-friendly kitchen that is full of personality with an added touch of country French charm. Bon Appetit! ♦