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## Hot kitchens

KICK YOUR COOK SPACE UP A NOTCH

EASTER FAMILY FEAST

LIVING IN ANAHEIM HILLS







DESIGNER USES ARCHITECTURAL  
DETAILS TO ADD A REFINED LOOK  
TO KITCHEN DECOR.

# Fine *finish*

**Designer styling** and architectural elements make the difference between a kitchen that appears flat and one with flair. Accents such as moldings, corbels, paneling and furniture-style cabinetry can change an ordinary kitchen into one that looks distinctive.

"These elements add an extra dimension," said designer Barbara McLane of By Design Kitchens, Etc.

"Architectural details bring out the magic," McLane said.

The Santa Ana-based designer should know. She captured the top award in a national kitchen and bath design competition this year for a kitchen remodel in Laguna Hills.

In addition to its beauty, the award-winning kitchen achieved the functional objectives of homeowners Christine and Mike Doyle.

"We really needed more space," Christine said. Because the couple enjoys hosting large family gatherings, they required additional counter space for food preparation and a convenient space to serve guests buffet-style. To further enhance entertaining, the couple envisioned an open plan that connected the kitchen to the adjacent breakfast nook and family room.

"I wanted to be able to stand in the kitchen and feel part of everything that was



BRECHE DE BENOUE, a French marble with purple and gold veins, was chosen for the countertops in the kitchen and bar area. Its beauty added interest and pulled colors from the home's décor.



