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ETER AND KIM RUN A SUCCESSFUL SPECIALTY food company from their 1950s ranch-style home. But the kitchen where, over the past 15 years, they conceptualized, prepared, and tested gourmet goodies, such as gingerbread and scones, was less than appetizing. The 17-by-13½-foot room, with its behind-the-times appliances and decor, was so retro that it appeared in many TV commercials as the quintessential old-school kitchen. To turn the area into a modern-day masterpiece, the couple, along with their daughters, Christie, 14, and Sarah, 11, called upon our redo queen Candice Olson. "Food is their business, but it's also their life," says Olson. "They belong to a cooking club, so I wanted to add a spacious bar for their regular meetings as well as for on-the-fly snacks and entertaining." By removing a wall between the eating area and

the dining room, as well as updating and arranging the appliances, the designer created a larger, more efficient layout, in which she also found space for a small desk dedicated to business tasks.

behind the scenes

1. The original kitchen had narrow countertops and minimal storage. 2. Electrician extraordinaire Chico Garcia hangs a crystal chandelier over the counter. 3. Garcia, Candice Olson, and carpentry pro Paul Daly install the cabinet doors. 4. The team sets the cooktop's down-draft vent in place.



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT To open things up in the (now much airier) space, the designer fit a black quartz-topped bar with a downdraft vent for the cooktop. It rises at the push of a button and closes flush with the countertop, as shown, when not in use. White leather-covered bar stools complement the streamlined look. For added flair, Olson chose easy-to-clean linoleum flooring in two shades of gray. Shimmery glass tiles in pewter, blue, and white adorn the backsplash; a 15-inch LCD TV sits on an upper shelf near the window, allowing the homeowners to catch up on their favorite cooking shows.



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◀ **SWEET IDEA** "If you use all of the same cabinetry, it starts to look like a showroom," says Olson. To lend character and ensure that the room wasn't "too matchy," the designer outfitted the prep area near the back entry with chocolate-colored, raised-panel-door cupboards and pewter hardware. The upper doors feature leaded-glass windows; open shelves display dishware. A stainless steel countertop contrasts attractively with the dark wood.

▼ **THE OFFICE** To allow Peter and Kim to handle business affairs away from the kitchen's bustle, Olson created a workstation to the right of the cooking peninsula. She equipped the desktop with the same creamy white cabinets and black quartz she'd used elsewhere in the room. A polished aluminum chair adds shine and echoes the stainless appliances; undercabinet lights illuminate the area.



behind the scenes

1. The old room had outdated appliances.
2. Olson surveys the team's progress.
3. Daly applies glass tiles to the prep area's backsplash as Olson assists.
4. Daly and Olson help Garcia put in the recessed canister lights.





divine details

1. To keep cookbooks handily organized, Olson specified a large custom-designed rack near the desk. 2. Our makeover maven fancied two fridges—one for the family, another for their business—but didn't want either one to overpower the room. So she hid both, along with a pantry to the far left, behind white cabinetry panels. To the right, the double wall oven flaunts a fingerprint-resistant glass finish that "looks like sexy, mirrored shades," says Olson.

◀ LIQUID ASSETS

The crew tucked a 12-bottle wine rack into the peninsula that divides the kitchen and dining room. Made of dark-stained mahogany, which ties to the prep-area cabinets, it's a real space saver.

Tune in to HGTV to watch *Divine Design* with Candice Olson, including episode #971, featured here: "Peter and Kim's Kitchen." Check local listings, hgtv.com, or divine.design.tv for airdates.



perfect palette

1. Cabinetry. Camden in Vanilla. Aya Kitchens, ayakitchens.com.
2. Cabinetry. Camden in Clove. Aya Kitchens.
3. Dining chair. Trevor. Norwalk Furniture Idea, norwalkfurnitureidea.com.
4. Chair fabric. #4-643004. Norwalk.
5. Drapes. Iridescent Weave in Blue Stone. Kravet, kravet.com.
6. Sheers. Belgium Linen Slub. Kravet.
7. Tiles. Tessera Mosaic Blend in Vogue. Oceanside Glass Tile, glasstile.com.
8. Paint. Kitchen in Cloudy Sky. Benjamin Moore, benjaminmoore.com.
9. Paint. Accent wall in Smoke. Benjamin Moore.
10. Paint. Ceiling in Vanilla Milkshake. Benjamin Moore.
11. Paint. Dining room in Old Prairie. Benjamin Moore.
12. Countertop. Custom. Elkay, elkay.com.
13. Countertop. Quartz in Desert Black. SMDS, smds.net.
14. Stacked Crystal lamps. Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com. Console #3022004-402. Elite, elte.com.
15. Flooring. Marmoleum Click in Lava. Forbo, forbo.com.
16. Flooring. Marmoleum Click in Serene Grey. Forbo.

