



Above: While much of the design was driven by the woman of the house, the whole-bean grind and brew system coffee maker was a request of her husband's.

Above right: The substantial three-door fridge-freezer is fully integrated, with robust cabinetry handles the only indication of its presence. Plasters by the sink hold pull-out spice racks. New arched fenestrations in the living area match the windows of the display cabinet, which is used as a dry bar.

light-green granite countertops with a swirling pattern that resembles marble.

To give the kitchen a cottage-like feel, Rodriguez complemented these delicate touches with a rust-toned hardwood floor that has a slightly rustic, textured finish.

Despite the wealth of detail and finish, the kitchen has a hard-working, practical side. The understated desk area is used daily and is fitted with file drawers to the right and a paper shredder and printer in custom drawers to the left.

For the chef's benefit, a clear-ice maker



and warming drawer are tucked out of sight in the island, and the sink area is served with an integrated dishwasher and waste unit.

Integrating the long appliance list and achieving the required functionality was a challenge for the designer. However, the completed kitchen has the feel of a serene living space – a natural extension of the adjoining reinvented family room.

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Kitchen designer: David Rodriguez NKBA, David's Kitchen and Tiles (Gaithersburg, MD)

Cabinet: Brookhaven frameless in maple with Springfield raised panel in Nordic white by Wood-Mode

Countertops: Perimeter, polished Verde Costa Esmeralda granite with ogee edge; dry bar, European Walnut Cafe Countertops with Roman ogee edge, from Avani Marble & Granite

Flooring: Heritage 3 1/2 in pre-finished red oak with Gunstock matte finish from Bayard Sales Corp.

Doors and windows: Pella

Kitchen furniture: Pleasant Isle glass-top table and chairs from Broyhill

Coffee maker: Miele

Lighting: Recessed ceiling, Xenon undercabinet lighting with white plugmold

Backsplash: American Quilt Tile, custom colored, True White with diagonal Celeste Green, pink, yellow

Kitchen sink: Cast iron with white undermount, by Kohler

Faucets: Duxbury brushed nickel from Graff

Oven: GE Monogram electric single oven

Warming drawer: GE Monogram 30in

Cooktop: GE Monogram Gas on Glass

Ventilation: Zephyr Tornado

Microwave: GE Monogram with Adventum Speedcook

Refrigeration: Thermador 36in with custom panel, Freedom three-door bottom freezer

Dishwasher: Kitchen Aid – Architect II Ultra

Waste disposal: InSinkErator compact Evolution

Ice maker: GE Monogram Undercounter automatic

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