



Party of Five ARTISTIC DESIGNS FOR LIVING

Interior designer Tineke Triggs teamed up with architect David Armour to renovate a kitchen in San Francisco's Marina district. The clients, a family of five, wanted to transform their cramped kitchen into an expansive marble-and-wood living area that everyone could enjoy. "The family wanted a lot, so the major challenge was to include everything while still creating an open and fluid space," says Triggs, the owner of Artistic Designs for Living. She and Armour doubled the kitchen's size by relocating an adjacent guest bedroom and bath to another floor and removing walls that separated the kitchen from a pantry and dining area.

Custom cabinets reach all the way up to the ceiling, packing in all the storage the family desired. The kitchen now includes island seating, a desk area and a casual dining area. Triggs added low refrigerator drawers for the children's snacks and made sure the built-in microwave was installed at a kid-friendly height. "You need to have functionality in a kitchen, especially in one for a family this size," says Triggs. "I think we created a balance—a space that is both easier to work in and more enjoyable to live in." —*Kathryn Geremia*



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