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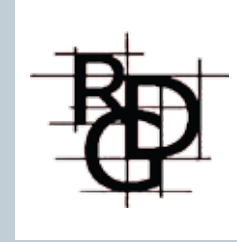


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The kitchen is well-known to be the center of a home's activity which means it gets lots of exposure. Studies show it is also getting more use as families swap fast food for healthy eating and more family time around the stove. As kitchens continue to take a more relevant place in the home, owners are looking for kitchen designs that are attractive, functional and environmentally sensitive.

NEFF Kitchens has built its business on offering a product that is set apart from typical family kitchens. Striving to achieve a balance between exquisite form and intelligent function, NEFF Kitchens are designed and manufactured

with the utmost precision and attention to detail. In a NEFF Kitchen designer and consumer choices blend to produce a room filled with unique cabinet designs, exotic wood veneers, innovative accessories, handcrafted details, and custom lighting. NEFF designers stretch the limits of possibility and celebrate individuality with every kitchen delivered.

One of the most distinguishing features of cabinets designed by NEFF is that they have LEED standards. LEED is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of environmentally friendly building. Homeowners who are concerned with indoor air quality will rest assured that NEFF cabinets use low VOC (volatile organic compound) for paints, finishes, special resin and metal connectors (instead of glue) to minimize VOC emissions into the home. Think fine, handcrafted furniture in your kitchen, and you are just beginning to imagine the possibilities available or the most popular room in the house.



Right: A canopy bed, a sitting area framed with large windows, and a two-sided fireplace shared between the bedroom and the bath add elegance and comfort to the master suite.

Below: The simple pleasures await the Georges upon their retirement. This swing chair beneath the wood canopy mirrors those in the community's shared common areas.

Bottom Left: Each of the home's four guest rooms is designed with comfort and style in mind.

Bottom Right: Arched details, natural travertine tile, a walk-in shower, and rustic cherry wood cabinets combine old-world elegance with brand-new comfort.



course of their lives together, the Georges had some idea of what was required. But Diana says she really appreciated the level of help she got this time.

Rose Aten at RDG Kitchen & Bath took the Georges' wish list of appliances and basically pulled the room together. A

center island, complete with a prep sink and a garbage disposal, helps establish the work triangle. There is a warming drawer directly across from the stove, a stacked microwave and convection oven, and two big drawers for storing large pots and pans. "She even used the spaces that are usually wasted," says Diana of her kitchen designer. Instead of closing off the cabinet nooks, Aten built in spaces for efficient storage of everything from cookie sheets to spices. A pass-through to the formal dining room eliminates having to walk all the way around with heavy plates of food.

Throughout the home, comfort and elegance combine in unexpected ways. A fireplace in the master suite, for example, opens on one side to the bedroom and on

the other just above the spa tub. The ceiling in Jim's office is a bold pattern of wood beams interlocked against framed bead-board. Arched doorways, window frames, and casework establish the Mediterranean motif, while the incredible views through the many large windows create a constantly changing work of art.

H2 Builders do their projects entirely in-house, and Cameron credits his craftsmen for their attention to the details that make this home so beautiful. From the framing to the millwork, the floors to the ceiling, everything was 100 percent custom-made.

As the Georges transition from the working world to a more relaxing lifestyle, they have already been embraced by a lovely new Mediterranean villa and also by the neighbors who call Berkeley Hall "home."

During a recent visit, Diana was invited to a get-together. Without her husband there, she felt a little hesitant to get out, but she says that several of the women made a point of coming by the house to pick her up and make sure she knew she was a welcome addition to the community. |

