

The Rhapsody in Blue

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Douglas and Cheryl Coleman's Littleton kitchen is a Rhapsody in blue, inspired by the 60's mod-style kitchen. The Coleman's worked closely with designer & contractor, Tim Rempel of Expressions in Flooring, to update the space without losing the playful, classic elements that make it fun and funky. Cheryl's favorite color, cobalt blue, was the leading source of inspiration for the kitchen's design.

To best showcase the cobalt blue theme running throughout the kitchen and the rest of the home, the

Colemans and Rempel chose custom white frameless cabinetry with silver hardware to make the color pop. The gray porcelain patterned backsplash and custom-stained gray oak flooring further adds to the whitewash effect by creating a muted palette to further accentuate the blue. Recessed can lighting in the ceiling, under-counter mood lighting, and three above-bar pendant lights in – what else? – blue, illuminate the dazzling kitchen.

Viking's Cobalt Blue professional appliances are undisputed showpieces in this kitchen. Chosen precisely for their color and Viking's outstanding reputation, these appliances were tested by Celebrity Chef Mark during a cooking class and dinner party event hosted by the Colemans to celebrate the completion of their remodel. Chef Mark, sponsored by Appliance Factory Fine Lines, spread his culinary magic and demonstrated Viking's innovative, restaurant-quality features.

With four grown children and six grandchildren, the Colemans have long awaited a kitchen equipped for large family dining. "We have always wanted our house to be a place where we can entertain our extended family," says Cheryl. "The original kitchen configuration placed severe limitations on this goal. Our new kitchen is finally an inviting space with plenty of room for our family to gather.





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Chef Mark demonstrates his cooking techniques at the Colemans' in-home cooking class and dinner party.

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As openness was a major factor of the two-and-a-half month remodel, Tim Rempel put a great deal of energy into finding space-creating solutions while still working with the original lines of the house. “The open feeling we were able to create by moving walls and giving her large counter space to work with is a highlight of the project,” Rempel says. “Cheryl loves to cook and has lived in the home for many years. The existing kitchen just wasn’t conducive to her needs. We needed to make it everything she desired.”

As also a contractor, Rempel sought ways to provide

the Colemans the space they needed through creative ideas for expanding the kitchen. “We expanded the space into the sewing room which was added at an earlier date,” Rempel explains, adding, “The floors, as well as roof truss structures, were quite a challenge to make level.”

“We love our location in Littleton, and made a decision to remain in the house and invest in upgrades rather than sell and move to another locale,” says Cheryl. Talk about a true-blue triumph!

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