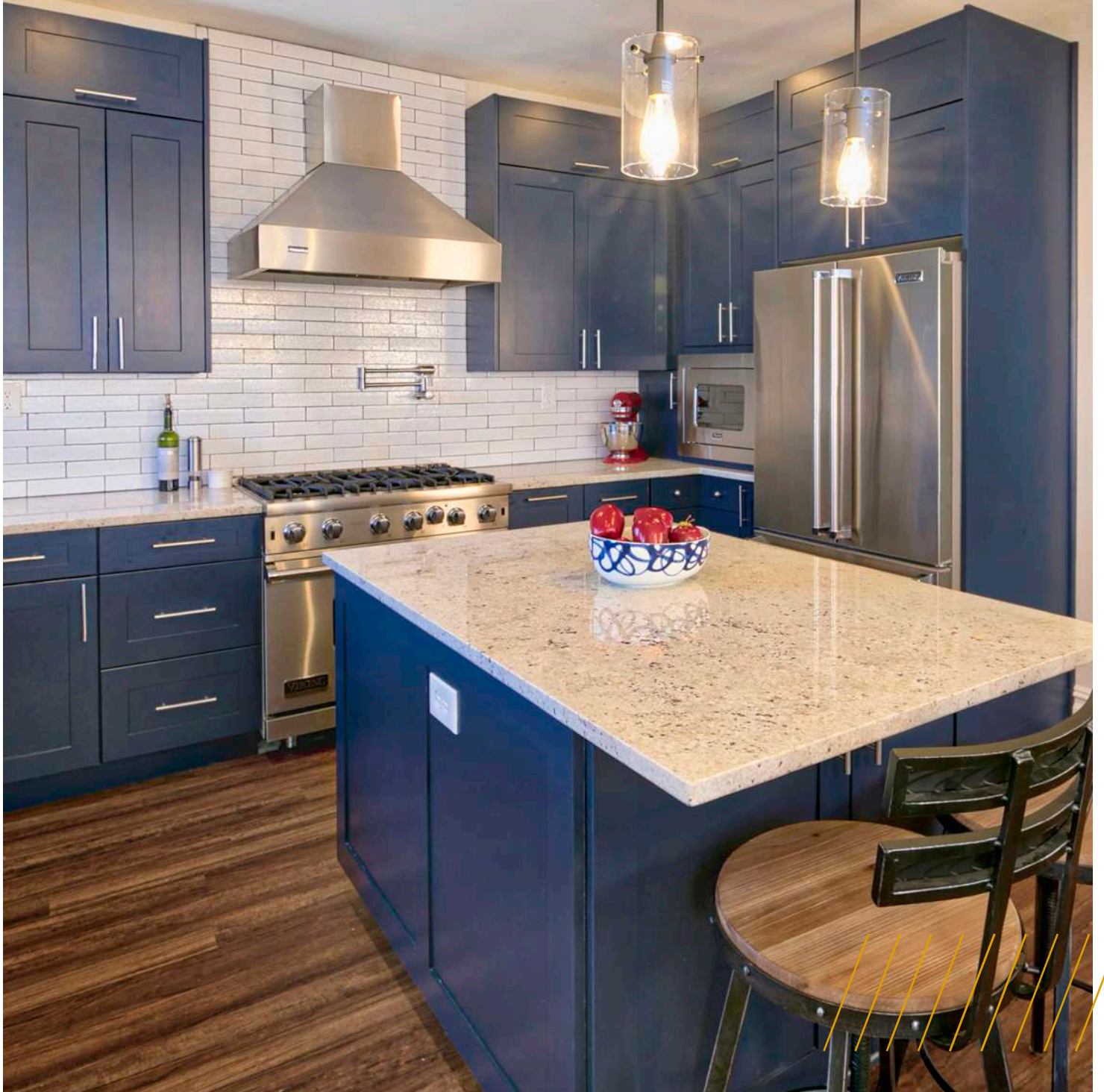


BLUE STREAK

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Kyle and Megan Schmitz are not afraid to add a little color to their lives.

The couple's newly-renovated Denver kitchen combines modern energy with a timeless feel. With its bold blue cabinets, interspersed with pops of red and stark white granite countertops, the remodeled space is at once new and familiar in the couple's charming home in the historic Washington Park neighborhood.

The notion of an updated take on a classic was the exact concept the homeowners were going for at the start of the project. Along with designer, Rhiannon McGaw and the rest of the production team at Kitchen & Floor Concepts, the couple set to work designing a kitchen masterpiece that centered around functional design, space saving solutions, and clever additions to make the kitchen more usable than ever before.

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Keeping utility top of mind, Kyle and Rhiannon worked closely and in detail to incorporate innovative little tricks into the kitchen design. Specialty cabinets featuring compartmentalized drawers, swivel-out shelving, and a unique corner-drawer design, along with other time-savers, made their way into the finished product. Rhiannon describes it as, "Transitional with classic charm."

Maintaining a classic vibe in spite of the modern upgrades was a conscious decision by the homeowners. "We like the smooth lines of modern design but wanted to honor the older characteristics of the house," said Kyle.

Kyle and Megan spent several years dreaming of their ideal kitchen before setting to work with Kitchen & Floor Concepts. The end result was an extensive remodel that speaks for itself: 1900 Series Belmont Cabinets in a vibrant cobalt blue are without question the definitive attention-grabber. "I loved Kyle and Megan's choice to go with the bold painted cabinets," says Rhiannon, adding, "I think it was the perfect choice for their kitchen!"

White granite countertops create a professional, streamlined flair for the perfect transition between bright blue cabinets and gleaming stainless appliances by Viking. Viking was selected by the homeowners for high-performance cooking and its outstanding reputation. "We were looking to keep things simple," Kyle says, explaining a preference for restaurant-inspired quality and performance over tech savvy features.



The 36" Viking range, complimented by a professional hood, is equipped with six burners and the power, control, and capacity to cook any dish. With up to 18,500 BTUs, all burners are also capable of a delicate simmer. Kyle and Megan will also be able to lock in the savory juices of even the thickest porterhouse with the intense heat of the restaurant-quality infrared broiler in the oven.

A white subway tile backsplash by Luxury Vinyl Plank provides that classic balance with modernity, and allows for a professional, minimalist feel to the kitchen. Kyle and Megan selected their backsplash material with utility and budget in mind. "We found LVP to be not only the most cost efficient, but it provided the best durability and the best look," Kyle says. "We have a young family and a crazy dog so getting something durable was highly important."

The couple is thrilled with the outcome of their kitchen renovation, and credit Rhiannon and her team with a

relatively painless remodeling process from start to finish. "Overall my experience with Kitchen & Floor Concepts was great," Kyle says. "They provided a great design and execution, and have been very accountable throughout the project."

Rhiannon feels similarly about working with the homeowners to complete the remodel. "Kyle and Megan were great to work with," she reflects, describing the couple as "knowledgeable, yet patient and open-minded!"

One of Rhiannon's favorite parts about working closely with Kyle and Megan was watching their puppy, Nora, grow up. She remembers, "When we began, she was an energetic little puppy and by the end of the project she had become a giant well-behaved dog. So cute!"

Looking back, Rhiannon says, "This job was a perfect example of a house with 'good bones' — with intrinsic classic character and charm. This house was beautiful before the remodel and even more beautiful afterward!"



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Before remodel



Homeowner, Kyle Schmitz and Kitchen Designer, Rhiannon McGaw



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