



West Coast Escape

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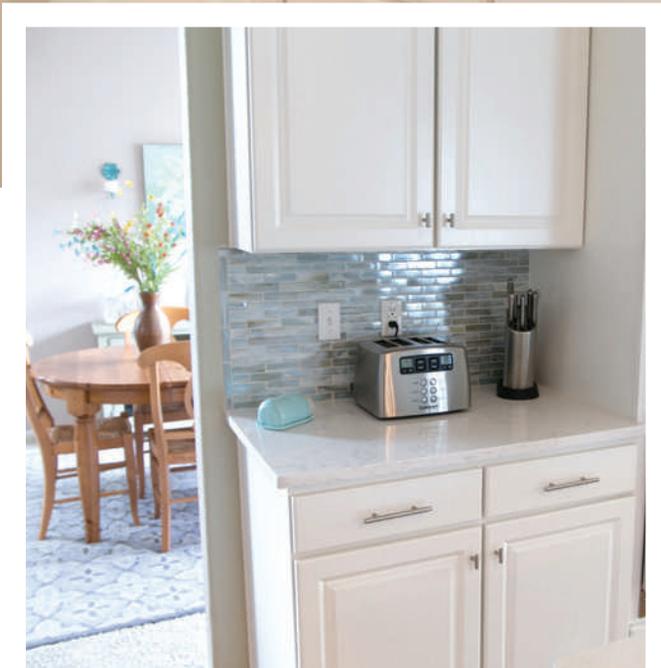
Kitchen upgrades are on the rise and are proven to be one of the most critical home improvements in an increasingly competitive housing market. Stainless appliances are taking home renovators' kitchens by storm and the Rushings' home in Parker isn't an exception.

Although Colorado serves as an adventurer's getaway, the Rushings' hearts belong on the West Coast. Their newly renovated kitchen reflects their allure to that California vibe. Rebecca and Chad Rushing were after a specific design in transforming their kitchen into a fresh,

West Coast escape. After a considerable amount of planning and three weeks of renovations, Rebecca could finally say, "I went from really hating my kitchen to loving every inch of it."

The family's home was constructed in 2003 and since then, they've had no intentions of moving. So they decided it was time to renovate. Richmond Homes, the builder the couple used for the kitchen remodel, did a beautiful job as the room's motif truly conveys harmony between the appliances and the clean and open feel. Rebecca says, "I'm naturally drawn to sea colors and love a clean, bright





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kitchen,” which is evident in the calming, sea-inspired color palette. It exudes the essence of the West Coast’s serene demeanor.

The GE Café stainless steel appliances enhance the modernized space. Rebecca and Chad have had GE appliances before and were very happy with them. “We really like the professional look of this line and the features it offered.” The appliances offer an impressive finish and

provide innovative features such as being able to preheat the oven on the go using a smart phone – a convenient feature the couple regularly uses.

A lot of thought went into the design and coastal motif. The tile backsplash is from Lunada Bay, a California-based company. “The tile is handmade and designed to capture light,” the couple explains. “Each piece varies in color, shade and texture.” The tiles were created in blues, greens and gold and each brick topped with a pearl glaze that makes it iridescent. “It’s truly beautiful. We love it,” Rebecca says of the layout.

The cabinets help accentuate the stainless steel appliances with calming, coastal colors. The stainless appliances are also complimented by the cabinet’s European-style and satin nickel bar. The elegant cabinetry paired with the natural wood flooring completes the rustic





feel of a cozy beach house.

Since Rebecca is a hematology-oncology nurse at Children’s Hospital Colorado while Chad works as a VIR designer at Western Union, it was hoped the kitchen remodel would also accommodate their busy schedule and provide a serene ambience for their family to enjoy together. Rebecca admits to using a secret weapon for

researching ideas, color schemes, and designs. “My 13 year old daughter, Meg, was a huge help in this process,” she says, “We spent countless hours searching online in stores for everything in the kitchen from the tile and countertops to the finishing touches.”

Reminiscing over the renovation experience, Rebecca affirms, “We really had a lot of fun doing this.”

