

The Two-Toned Kitchen

By Alana Willis



Blue magma granite countertops take center stage in the Contis' kitchen.

Allan and Cindy Conti knew they wanted to create a larger, open space for entertaining friends and family in their Littleton kitchen, but they also wanted to ensure that its redesign and functionality remained as uncomplicated as it has been for the past 30 years.

On a mission to remodel with appliance upgrades, added counter space, and a more open layout, they turned to the pros at Cornerstone Granite and JC Kitchen Cabinets to help them transform their space into something extraordinary.

The Contis now have grandchildren and were intrigued by the idea of a more spacious kitchen to better accommodate their expanding family during visits. "Our family has grown and we wanted a bigger kitchen to entertain," remarked the recently-retired Cindy.

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Cornerstone Granite's Robert Stevens designed an innovative plan with a countertop layout that worked best for the existing space.

After selecting a glorious blue magma granite, "We spoke numerous times about the layout and sent several photos to capture the best look and flow from the material's natural movement," Stevens said. The result is an expansive counter surface with breathtaking natural streaks, featuring an island with a high bar ideal for quick meals and cocktail parties. The bar is one of the highlights for Stevens in particular, who describes it as a "focal point."

KitchenAid appliances complement the one-of-a-kind, natural stone countertop, chosen for their modern pro look, convenience, and ease of use. The cobalt blue KitchenAid gas range looks just right against the natural beauty of the countertops, and also plays nicely with the Florentina glazed porcelain tile flooring installed by the Conti's son-in-law. Blue-hued mood lighting against a snow-white backsplash tie it all together to create one stunning Colorado kitchen.

Nancy Ortega of JC Kitchen Cabinets aided the couple with selecting cabinetry to pair with the brilliant stonework and gleaming KitchenAid appliances. A current





trend, Ortega selected two different colors of Shaker style cabinets – white for the upper cabinetry and a softer gray for the lower cabinets - to add interest to the design and blend the granite color palette.

Aside from a few collaborative suggestions from the JC Kitchen Cabinets, Ortega boasted that Allan and Cindy already knew exactly how they wanted their kitchen

cabinets to look. “The inspiration came from a mix of both parties! But pretty much Mrs. Conti knew exactly what she wanted. Our company just gave them a little, final touch.”

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