



SECRET INGREDIENTS

White cabinets blend into the background and create a clean and airy look; costs are kept down by using standard dimension units and avoiding unusual sizes and details.

CLEAN AND SIMPLE

Maplewood-based architect Ying Li worked at New York firms on traditional and modern residential projects before branching out on her own with 2make architecture. A recent project is particularly close to her heart – her own home kitchen. She chose APX Construction as the contractor.

“Like in many other families, the kitchen is the center of our family life,” says Li. “We wanted the kitchen to be efficient, but equally importantly, we wanted it to be a pleasant place for people to stay and have conversations. Good circulation and use of natural light, therefore, were two priorities in design.”

Above: The cabinets from Mobili de Angelis have matte, lacquer flat-panel doors with stainless-steel handles made in Italy. The countertop is granite in absolute black with a textured finish that is warm to the touch and helps hide grease and fingerprints.

Right: The refrigerator door is paneled and blends in with the rest of the cabinets. A pullout pantry with Hafele metal shelves provides maximum storage space and easy access.

Inset: “I try to utilize natural light in design as much as I can. Energy saving aside, natural light in the kitchen connects people to the outdoors both visually and psychologically.” ■

