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A richly patterned Juparana Columbo granite creates lots of interest.

storage solutions

Special Features:
Multi-level peninsula with storage on both sides; custom vertical storage pullouts

Dimensions:
25' x 17'

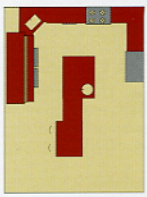
Products Used:
Cabinetry: Adelphi Custom
Countertops: Juparana Columbo granite
Sink(s): Franke
Faucets: Franke and Whitehaus
Refrigerator: Sub-Zero
Oven: Viking
Warming drawers: Thermador

Homeowners are increasingly choosing kitchens without walls, more windows and larger appliances, all of which create challenges for kitchen designers charged with providing adequate storage, especially for items traditionally stored in wall cabinets.

In this kitchen, a large window commands attention and admiration. Complimented by the oversized stove with its plaster hood sweeping to ceiling height, the focal point is well-established. While the kitchen boasts a room-size walk-in pantry loaded with shelves, the biggest challenge was "Where do we put the dishes?"

With the main sink positioned to command a view of both the window and the breakfast room, the adjacent peninsula became the logical location for the two dishwashers, but there was no place to store glasses and dishes. Twelve-inch tall cabinets above the dishwashers provided the solution.

To the right of the main sink, a pull-out dual waste unit services the clean-up area, as well as the food preparation area between the sink and stove. A warming drawer, wide cabinet drawers fitted for utensils and cutlery, deep drawers for pans and tray storage complete this section.

Use of an adjacent wall was maximized. The 42-inch side-by-side refrigerator is positioned here. A small microwave fits into one cabinet. Pullouts on either side provide access to cooking products needed near the stove. The large island, with a lift-up mixer and large drawers, provides additional storage.

Finally, a bit of space under the stairs houses refrigerated drawers for drinks and a cabinet especially for kids' snacks.◆