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In taking on this 130-sq.-ft. kitchen in Provincetown, MA, Lori Kurnitsky was faced with a number of challenges. The goal was to create an efficient and cozy space that still feels open and connected to the rest of the home, but with its location close to the main entry of the house, as well as the living room, creating that space proved difficult. The scope of the project also included creating an unfitted furniture cottage style feel to the built-in kitchen cabinetry that blends cohesively with the rest of the home.

Setting the stage for the kitchen were kitchen cabinets that tied into the built-ins in the living area to create a seamless flow. Butternut Flat Cut cabinetry from Premier Custom Cabinetry in Elephants Milk Paint finish look like they were always part of the home. The cabinets are paired with Round Foot cabinet pulls in a burnished silicon bronze from Sun Valley Bronze as well as Borroca Soapstone countertops, backsplash and integrated mitered sink. The Lombardia pulldown faucet from House of ROHL is also featured.

To enhance the seamless look and function of the kitchen, appliances – including the Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer and Cove dishwasher – were paneled. The Wolf E Series Transitional Oven was concealed, while the Wolf Convection Microwave Oven was tucked into the island. A Wolf gas cooktop along the back wall is topped by a custom Aspen range hood from Raw Urth.



SILVER



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BRONZE



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Desert Oasis

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There were a seemingly endless number of elements to consider in this kitchen renovation. In addition to updating the style and functionality of the space, the client wanted tech-savvy luxury appliances, wine storage, a more open connection to the main living space and earthy tones to reflect the desert canyon setting. Amy Klosterman and co-designer Michelle Jefferson also wanted to respect the home's original architecture by Taliesen-trained Bing Hu.

Rift cut white oak slab doors with a taupe stain from F1 Cabinets and White Macabus satin quartzite from Arizona Tile set the tone for the space. Along the back wall, a bank of upper cabinets is broken up by illuminated glass-front cabinets and shelving, with an inset vent hood and Porcelanosa backsplash.

A Monogram induction cooktop complements the other appliances on the perpendicular wall, including Monogram wall ovens and a coffeemaker below a television screen. Also featured on the side wall are a Monogram refrigerator and freezer, hidden behind custom slatted panels.

The island features a waterfall edge on one side and wood table edge for seating at the other. A Franke sink combines with a Newport Brass faucet and Monogram dishwasher for prep and cleanup. Emtek Cabinet Edge pulls in a honey bronze finish add function, and a whimsical pendant from Hubbardton Forge that looks like a scribble – a nod to the client's career as a graphic designer – finishes the space.

Of particular note is the wine wall pass-through to the living area, flanked by original stacked stone.



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GOLD



Canyon Views

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Located within a desert canyon in a small Scottsdale, AZ community, this 160-sq.-ft. master bath remodel was part of a whole home remodel. In the original bathroom, a corner window didn't have a desirable view and the corner tub and tub deck looked dated. The homeowners wanted an improved view of the canyon, and to visually expand the room so it would feel more like a spa master bath. They also wanted a visual connection between the master bath and bedroom, and also to the desert views through the bathroom.

To give the space a soothing spa feel, designer Amy Klosterman and co-designer Michelle Jefferson installed a custom-color, free-standing Victoria + Albert ios tub and incorporated desert colors

and textures in the design. Porcelanosa Ice Minnesota Ash tile lines the shower walls and Lunada Bay Tile's glass mosaic tile covers the shower floor. A custom wood-look melamine cabinet is topped with a Caesarstone countertop in Cosmopolitan White, Kallista sink and Emtek hardware. Graff's Incanto faucets and shower systems are also featured, along with a Toto toilet.

Klosterman says the biggest challenge was to preserve a view while incorporating mirrors with integral lighting in a custom-sized steel frame that has accessible wiring for future maintenance. The work paid off, however, and the homeowners now enjoy seeing the desert wildlife and canyon hills from their window every morning.