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Deep, Rich Chocolate Inspires This Kitchen And Dining Room

In hopes of putting their home up for a future sale, my client was looking to update their 1980's kitchen. They wanted a light, bright open style that would appeal to their own sensibilities but also those of a potential buyer.

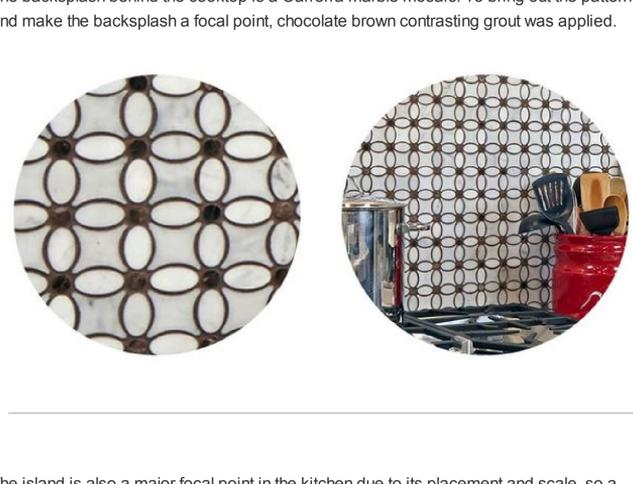
The home is a two-story Mediterranean style house set at the base of the foothills in Los Angeles.

KITCHEN



We kept all of the solid wood cabinetry and painted it a crisp white and we changed the hardware to give a bejeweled aspect to the cabinetry by playing off of the polished chrome of the appliances and the plumbing fixtures. They add a little sparkle and give the kitchen real style.

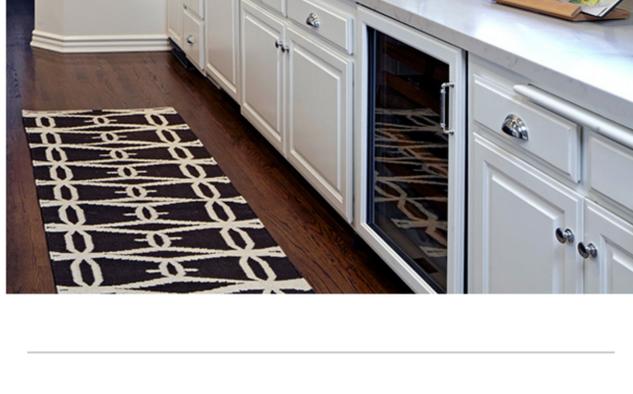
The cooktop area was set into a beautiful arched niche. It was framed with clean, white subway tile to keep a classic, timeless look and give it a reflective surface quality that would bounce light and give the kitchen a lighter feel.



The backsplash behind the cooktop is a Carrerra marble mosaic. To bring out the pattern and make the backsplash a focal point, chocolate brown contrasting grout was applied.



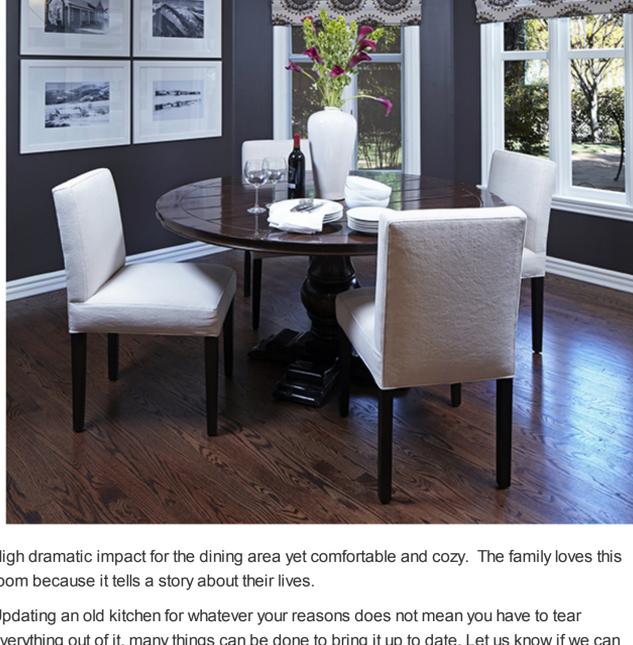
The island is also a major focal point in the kitchen due to its placement and scale, so a multi-color granite was selected to tie in all the rich tones of browns, greys and whites. The island cabinetry was painted a rich chocolate to provide interest and break up the space.



DINING ROOM

This room was designed to achieve an elegant yet organic look and feel. The walls were painted in a rich deep chocolate and black and white photography of the client's second residence in Park City was selected to create a white band effect around the room.

Window coverings were kept simple in design. Fabric was chosen for its bold print which adds a visual dynamic to the space and vertical height.

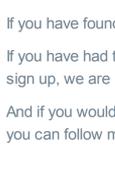


High dramatic impact for the dining area yet comfortable and cozy. The family loves this room because it tells a story about their lives.

Updating an old kitchen for whatever your reasons does not mean you have to tear everything out of it, many things can be done to bring it up to date. Let us know if we can help you love your kitchen again.

Kind Regards,

Lauren



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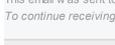
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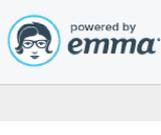
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