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Transitional, Medium

Sub-Zero Wolf products:

Wolf DF364C 36-inch Dual Fuel Range

Sub-Zero 632/S Wine Refrigerator

Sub-Zero 424G/S 42-inch Wine Refrigerator

Wolf Range Hood

Designer Diner

A design-minded young couple makes over the kitchen of their Ottawa bungalow, combining comfort, utility and style.

Cooking and entertaining friends is a major pastime for these two professionals, but the original narrow kitchen made it an awkward endeavor soon even more challenging with a baby on the way. They asked interior designer Friedemann Weinhardt to remodel the space for maximum function and flow while displaying their savvy sense of style.

Even expanding a breezeway the room was too narrow for an island, but it did allow Weinhardt to install space-saving banquet seating upholstered in black leather. This, plus retro-inspired light fixtures and drawer pulls, and large letters that spell EAT, create a vintage diner vibe. Ebony-stained cabinets topped with white Cesarstone, plus white walls and white upper cabinets create an eye-popping backdrop for a mix of modern and retro details like Philippe Stark's sleek Louis Ghost Chairs surrounding an old farm table. With a television and a computer installed next to the pantry for watching TV and movies or surfing the web, the seating area is just as lived-in as any family room. Positioned near the dining table, a Sub-Zero wine refrigerator makes beverages handy for guests to casually help themselves. "This space integrates more than one function and the family can always be part of what's going on in the kitchen," Weinhardt explains.

Positioned in the middle of a cabinetry wall the Wolf 36-inch range with signature red knobs adds symmetry and along with the Wolf range hood, creates a strong focal point. The professional quality and stainless steel of the Sub-Zero built-in refrigerator feel right at home with the classic utilitarian design. Positioned by the sink, it also creates an effective work triangle. Dark limestone flooring laid in a herringbone pattern stretches through the kitchen all the way to the front door, elegantly tying the 'designer diner' to the rest of the bungalow. ###