

## MANSION

## ANNOTATED ROOM

## A Kitchen for the Grandkids

A Washington state couple had renovated before. This time, the kitchen was designed to contain multitudes.

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One couple in the state of Washington, a lawyer and an IT professional, both in their 60s, never could have predicted that their daughter's home remodel would sow the seeds for their own. Yet, a chance encounter with her interior designer, Richard Landon, one half of KIRIC Collaborative Design, inspired them to consider the possibility. The couple had purchased their Bellevue, Wash., home for \$227,500 in 1990 and had remodeled it twice since. Now, as seasoned grandparents, they hoped to overhaul the home once more to create space for their growing brood. Soon after, they enlisted Landon and KIRIC Collaborative Design's other half, Kirsten Conner, for the redesign, with a special focus on the kitchen.

Their requirements included creating a warm atmosphere with wood tones and hints of blue and copper. "During our first meeting in January 2020, they brought out a chunk of natural float copper from Michigan's upper peninsula, where she grew up and he went to college. I was incredibly inspired by this large lump and it ultimately played a big role in informing the kitchen's material palette," says Conner. She and Landon opted for a combination of mixed metals, warm woods, and faux concrete for the finishes, to conjure a warm and welcoming air.

The designers treated the kitchen as an organic extension of the adjoining living room, maintaining strong sightlines and disguising the appliances as art. They framed the ovens and refrigerator in a ribbon of African mahogany and embedded the sink inside the custom stainless steel counter.

The couple says the new kitchen is exactly the kind of gathering space they had envisioned for hosting their children and grandchildren.

Here are some features of the \$549,000 kitchen that have quickly become a family favorite.



**1.** A custom hand-knotted rug was made to fit the space between the cooktop and sink as the owners craved something soft underfoot while cooking. // **Price:** \$2,695

**2.** The kitchen features several countertop surfaces. The perimeter countertops are characterized by a combination of sintered porcelain products from Cosentino, while the island counter and base are Cosentino's quartzite. Also of note is the inverted mitered edge stainless steel countertop with integrated sink. It has a unique cotton-candy finish that

mimics the faux concrete of the cabinetry below it. // **Price:** \$55,000

**3.** For the cabinetry, the designers opted for two contrasting styles—a warm greige-painted finish and a faux-concrete effect. "We approached the cabinetry like one would furniture in the living room, juxtaposing various patterns, colors and textures together," says Conner. // **Price:** \$104,000 installed

**4.** A floating soffit echoes the shape of the island, adding dimension to the space and

bringing the Italian-made Sirius perimetric hood down to a serviceable height. // **Price:** \$3,850

**5.** A Kenner chandelier by Revelation casts a halo of soft light over the dining table. The designers added a chain to adjust its height. // **Price:** \$1,551

**6.** The range, a DRUM cooking system by PITT, is sleek and pared back, with burners nested into the quartzite countertop. // **Price:** \$6,364