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# Chocolate and cream

Dark, muted tones can imply a classic design, but not in this contemporary kitchen

**The warmth of dark, rich wood and the cool presence of stone** are often found in traditional, formal kitchens. However, with different treatments and attention to tonal highlights, these classic materials can be reinvented to create a sleek, clean-lined and decidedly modern cooking space.

For this kitchen, adjacent dining area and family room, the owners wanted a continuation of the warm, muted tones found elsewhere in the house. Easy-care surfaces that would save guests wondering where to set down their wine glasses

were also important. Interior designers Angelica Henry and Janet Brooks created the interior for the entire residence.

"An interesting aspect of this project was taking these slightly masculine tones and translating them into relaxed family environments," says Henry. "Part of the reason for choosing the quiet palette was to complement rather than overshadow the owners' many artworks – in fact, we used these vibrant canvases as points of contrast within the design."

The chocolate-stained oak cabinetry is

given a lighter sensibility through custom glass laminate inserts, says Brooks.

"The backsplash picks up the colors around it and has a glass component which brings a sparkle to the kitchen," she says. "A small, square skylight also plays natural light onto the central island."

In a design that favors straight lines, contrasting curves are seen in the range hood, the round tables and a custom rug.

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**Interior designers:** Janet Brooks ASID, Angelica Henry ASID (Scottsdale, AZ)

**Builder:** Platinum Homes

**Flooring:** Roche Blue Beige limestone tiles from Facings of America

**Wall paneling:** Vertical grain oak with chocolate stain by Campagna Cabinetry

**Kitchen manufacturer:** Downsview Kitchens

**Cabinetry:** Vertical grain oak with chocolate stain by Downsview; custom laminated glass from Rudy Glass

**Countertops:** Charcoal granite from Quality Stone Supply

**Backsplash:** Custom stone and glass backsplash from Creative Environments

**Sinks:** Rear sink by Franke from Clyde Hardware; island sink by EuroPro in stainless steel

**Faucets:** Grohe from Clyde Hardware; Ladylux Café pull-out spray in stainless steel

**Cooktop:** Wolf

**Microwave:** Wolf convection

**Refrigeration:** Sub-Zero

**Bar stools:** Berman Rosetti from Mimi London

**Dining furniture:** Custom table by designers; dining chairs from Dakota Jackson

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**Facing page:** Cool stacked stone brings textural interest to this modern kitchen and ties in with the limestone tile floors and stone countertops.

**Above:** The perimeter island helps to define the kitchen space at ground level. Overhead, a feature curved ceiling runs from the family room through to the edge of the kitchen, helping link the two visually. Elongated cabinetry handles and the square cutouts in the bar stools are two elements that accentuate the geometric nature of the space. The perimeter island has been made a dominant element because the family spends a large amount of time in this area of the home.