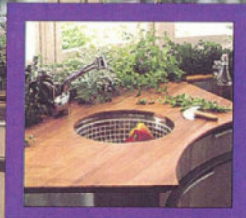


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## KITCHEN OF THE YEAR



**NEW LOOK**



**NEW APPLIANCES**



**NEW IDEAS**



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Subtly rounded edges on all the appliances form the starting point for the curves in the architecture. A floor-to-ceiling storage wall eliminates the need for view-blocking upper cabinets and opens up all the space to unveil a stunningly curved window wall.

Kitchen design:  
Architect, Duo  
Dickinson; Frigidaire  
Company Design  
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*i*f you normally associate kitchens with drudgery, here's our solution—break out of the box and get into the swing of a kitchen with curve appeal. It's time to loosen up, have some fun, and go with the flow.

Our editors teamed up with Frigidaire Company and architect Duo Dickinson to build a kitchen that features a brand-new line of appliances, loads of earth-friendly products and ideas, and a double-dip delight of swirling spaces that embrace the whole family.

How do you make a kitchen fun? We mixed in a random pattern of tiles for loosening up the large expanse of flooring, varied the countertop heights to suit both adults and children, built in a window-side garden to grow fresh herbs, and carved curved walls into a square space to open up wide horizontal ledges for artwork, houseplants, playthings, and collectibles.

Creating a kitchen without square lines takes not only craftsmanship, but



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kitchen on ABC-TV  
"HOME Show"  
Tuesday, March 2



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innovative products as well. Countertops made from solid-surface Corian wrap around the back and side of the refrigerator, shoot past both sinks, and zoom up to the wall ovens. Likewise, the curved glass and curved sashes in these Marvin windows allow the back walls of the kitchen to flow together in two seamless arcs.

Even the cabinets—curved maple fronts with a whitewash finish and stainless-steel pulls—move around the room in an unbroken sweep.



With two sinks, two cooks can work side by side. The elevated dishwasher eases back strain, and the raised family room lets kids see eye to eye with adults.

Stainless steel routed into the Corian countertop around the cooking area creates a scorch-proof surface.

Appliances: Frigidaire  
UltraStyle  
Countertops: Corian  
Windows: Marvin  
Floor: American Olean  
Tile Co.  
Sink and faucet:  
Franke Inc.

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Come on in. There's room to sit, visit, eat, or work. And with the wraparound windows, there's also a powerful incentive to just gaze.

Enjoy all the pleasures of a crackling fire without the chores. Our gas-log unit turns on with a switch and never needs cleaning.

Counters and islandtop:  
Corian  
Windows: Marvin  
Windows  
Floor: American Clean  
Tile Co.  
Fireplace: Superior  
Computer: IBM PS/1

**b**umped up higher than the working side of the kitchen, the family room gives kids a chance to see eye to eye with parents. The absence of upper cabinets allows for unimpeded views back into the working side.

Along the back wall, stair-stepped cushions provide multilevel seating. For homework, paying bills, or writing novels, a computer station stands ready at the back wall. A pass-through on the right side of the desk allows the telephone to be used from either side of the room. On both sides

of the floor, the tiles draw your eyes forward with a subtle pattern.

The fireplace provides warmth and a flickering light that draws people in. The bookcase to the left of the fireplace sets the mood for the room, announcing that this is a place to relax, reflect, and spend some time.

Despite the unique appearance, there are lots of ideas here you can use if you remodel your kitchen or build a new one. The outside walls are simply two large bay-like window sections flanked by parallel walls. The inside curves create most of the flowing shapes and can be applied to a number

of different situations—to smooth the transition from a 30-inch-deep refrigerator down to a 24-inch cabinet, to turn a fireplace inward or a bookshelf outward without resorting to perpendicular walls, or simply to wrap a sitting or dining area in a cozy curve conducive to good conversation.

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10 A raised teak chopping surface next to the herb garden is easy on your knees and your back.



6 Double-sided drawers let you unload the dishwasher from one side and later set the table from the other side.

### PEOPLE-FRIENDLY TIPS

**Elevated dishwasher.** No need to bend down when you load or unload dishes. We put our dishwasher a back-saving 16 inches above the floor.

**Refrigerator/Microwave combo.** This kid-smart idea puts a small microwave and the refrigerator at the head of the kitchen where hungry

youngsters can prepare after-school treats easily.

**Cooking station.** Everything hot centers around the stove. Stainless-steel countertop inserts prevent scorching. For baking, broiling, and roasting, a wall oven and microwave are a step away.

**Two sinks.** A large sink

close to the family room handles cleanup chores. The smaller sink next to the herbs is for food preparation.

**Lines of sight.** Floor levels step up from the cooking side to the family side to the platform by the computer desk. This helps kids see eye to eye with parents.



12 A roomy spice rack next to the stove rolls out for quick access.

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### EARTH-FRIENDLY TIPS

**Energy-efficient appliances.** To reduce energy use and pollution, all Frigidaire UltraStyle appliances meet or exceed the national 1993 energy-efficiency guidelines. Additionally, the insulating foam in UltraStyle refrigerators uses 30 percent fewer ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons than conventional foam.

**Plantation-grown teak.** For the wood counters, we chose a surface made from plantation teak, which is grown and harvested using sustainable forestry methods. A nontoxic "salad bowl" finish protects the chopping surface from water.

**Recycling center.** Four recycling bins built into the bottom of the pantry cabinets easily hold a week's worth of recycled goods for the average family. Heavy-duty drawer glides ensure smooth, tilt-free opening and closing



13 Cookie tins and foil objects store neatly in this cabinet just an arm's reach from the oven.



14 Built into the cabinets, four recycling bins hold a week's worth of goods and roll out smoothly on heavy-duty glides.

even when the bins are fully loaded.

**Herb garden.** A little bit of the outdoors comes inside with our herb garden. The fresh herbs sit in a metal-lined trough in front of the windows.

**Compost bucket.** When you open the cabinet doors beneath the prep sink, a compost bucket swings out. The location, next to the teak cutting surface, makes collecting food scraps easy.

**Clean-burning heat.** The fireplace burns natural gas for maintenance-free heat and less air pollution than wood-burning models.

**Solid plywood.** ApplePly, the wood used in our cabinet frames and dividers, offers a hardwood veneer surface and a solid alder core that has low urea-formaldehyde emissions.

If you would like to see our kitchen on television, tune in to the "HOME Show" with hostess Kitty Bartholomew on ABC-TV Tuesday morning, March 2. Check local listings for exact times.

Cabinet hardware: Häfele

## SHOPPING BUYING GUIDE

Most of the products shown editorially in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine can be obtained locally. For more information, write the manufacturers listed. Some privately owned or custom-made items are omitted from the product listing.

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Oven, model FEB758BAB; Microwave, model MCT1390P, 1.3 cubic feet; Range, model FEF367CAB; Small microwave, model MCT890P, 0.8 cubic feet—UltraStyle, Frigidaire Co., 6000 Perimeter Dr., Dublin, OH 43017. Countertop, "Sierra Burnt Amber" and "Sierra Granite"—Du Pont Corian, Solid Surface Products, Du Pont Co., Room 50990, Wilmington, DE 19896. Windows, curved glass single hungs—Marvin Windows & Doors, P.O. Box 100, Warroad, MN 56763. Tile floor, Medley 6x6-inch tiles in "Wedgewood," "Sea Gull," and "Sand"—American Olean Tile Co., 1000 Cannon Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446-0271. Computer—PS/1—IBM, One Old Orchard Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; 900/426-

2468. Cabinets, custom: whitewashed maple fronts with stainless steel pulls. Refrigerator, model FRF22WTAB; Dishwasher, model DW9000AB—UltraStyle, Frigidaire Co., 6000 Perimeter Dr., Dublin, OH 43017. Stainless steel fabrication—Specialty Sheet Metal, 821 Hall Ave., Dayton, OH 45404. Prep sink, Elements ER110 with FF600 faucet in chrome; Main sink, Elements PR110-21 with FF1500 faucet in chrome—Frankie, Inc., Kitchen Systems Div., 212 Church Rd., North Wales, PA 19454; 800/826-5771. Fireplace, GHC 5500—Superior Fireplace Co., 4325 Antesia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92633. Fireplace surrounds, granite—Stone Centers of Ohio, 2823 North Lawn, Dayton, OH 45404. Cabinet hardware for drawers, spice rack, recycling bins and compost bucket—Häfele America Co., 3901 Cheyenne Dr., P.O. Box 4000, Archdale, NC 27263; 800/842-3345. Cabinet plywood, "ApplePly"—States Ind., P.O. Box 7037, Eugene, OR 97401.

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Architect—Duo Dickinson, 84 Bradley Rd., Madison, CT 06443; 203/245-0405. Set construction—Exhibit Concepts, 5111 Webster St., Dayton, OH 45414-4272.