

ASSEMBLED ELEGANCE

A dream team of Atlanta design talents transforms a Brookhaven kitchen into a functional, light-filled oasis

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LOOKING TO TRANSFORM their French Country-style kitchen into something more clean, open and connected, a pair of Atlanta homeowners enlisted an assemblage of talents to achieve their dream design: architect Rodolfo Castro of Castro Design Studio, kitchen designer Jane Hollman of Studio Entourage, interior designer Brian Watford of Brian Watford Interiors and builder Michael Ladisic of

As the first order of business, Castro rearranged the overall layout, knocking down walls and positioning the kitchen to allow for higher ceilings and a more open feel.

From there, the team created a dramatic focal point with steel window composition surrounding a pewter hood and Statuario Corchia marble backsplash. "We wanted to have the focal point on that range wall be super special," says Hollman, who implemented functional details throughout.

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DESIGN DETAILS

KITCHEN DESIGN Jane Hollman, Studio Entourage INTERIOR DESIGN Brian Watford, Brian Watford Interiors ARCHITECT Rodolfo Castro, Castro Design Studio BUILDER Michael Ladisic, Ladisic Fine Homes CABINETRY Marion & Bond Millwork STATUARIO CORCHIA MARBLE Purchased, fabricated and installed by Construction Resources HOOD François & Co. **PENDANTS** and **SCONCES** Circa Lighting



Because the kitchen's footprint was long and narrow, the back portion of the kitchen island was dropped and offset to one side, allowing for plenty of seating without impeding on the walkspace by the refrigerator. "That was an important move that played well for function as well as looks," notes Hollman.

For a clean and clutter-free aesthetic, rift-oak cabinetry by Marion & Bond Millwork conceals the refrigerator, walk-in scullery and freezer, along with small appliances such as a toaster and coffee maker. Throughout the rest of the kitchen, lighter cabinetry-painted to match the walls-features a tapered profile and provides a sophisticated sense of contrast.

"It took a tremendous amount of collaboration to make this design a reality due to the complexity and intricacy of the details that needed to be executed," says Hollman. "We truly benefited from a team of talented and seasoned professionals working together to make it all come together as planned."





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