

# Fresh, functional family living

**CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF**, you can have it all when you're talking about marrying functionality with a contemporary, high-end look.

Designer Anna Shiwlall executed this thoughtful design that incorporated the needs of her clients, a family of five. And part of this six-month feat was making the kitchen feel and appear larger than it actually was - without removing any walls.

"We were able to make it look so much bigger with the type of materials chosen so the space feels light, bright and really expands visually," Shiwlall said.

"Even down to the pendants being a simple, see-through modern glass. It has great simplistic and impressive style, but doesn't weigh down the overall look."

Shiwlall added extra cabinetry to suit the storage needs of a big family. A large kitchen island simultaneously boosts workability for food prep and provides extra seating.

The resulting space is a hardworking kitchen that's both modern and functional for a busy family - no smoke and mirrors necessary.



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The white cabinetry helps the space feel larger, while a dark-stained island breaks up the kitchen's crisp palette with a rich, dynamic pop.

The fresh, updated look was topped off with some high-tech icing on the cake: "The state-of-the-art appliances really bring in the luxury for any chef."

Shiwlall leaned heavily on materials to expand this kitchen visually and gives credit to the "fresh and balanced" backsplash made of opalescent and matte cream mosaic glass.

For both the countertops and island, Shiwlall chose a Macaubas granite slab. "We wanted something that looked marble with the durability of granite."

Kitchen storage is optimized by using every inch of space - all the way up to the ceiling. "The white cabinetry is broken up with glass-front doors at the very top, which have lighting to show off accessories and glassware," Shiwlall said.