





## A Speedy Delight

When Jerri Mariott and Michael Silpa decided to remodel their Montclair kitchen, they, like anyone else undertaking a renovation project, wanted to minimize the construction phase. Enter Custom Kitchens.

To quickly create the “convenient and comfortable” kitchen that Mariott and Silpa wanted, project designer Joy Wilkins made sure that nothing in the couple’s old kitchen was touched before every single component for the new kitchen had arrived. “In doing so,” says Wilkins, who managed the in-house staff for the job, which necessitated tearing the old kitchen down to the studs, “we were able to finish the projected 10-week schedule a week ahead of time.”

The updated kitchen includes cherry cabinets, a well-organized pantry, plentiful Moon Yellow granite countertops, hardwood flooring, an inventive backsplash of stainless steel mosaic tile, a built-in Sub-Zero refrigerator and under-cabinet freezer, a 48-inch Viking range and an island work station that provides a separate eating space and a specially made roll-out drawer for dog goodies. Simply put, the amenities were everything the couple needed for a functional, comfortable kitchen that the whole family—especially Mariott, who bakes nearly every day—could enjoy. “We are very pleased with how our kitchen turned out.”

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