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Creating a contemporary kitchen with timeless appeal

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When Terry and John Dallas decided to renovate the kitchen in their Hingham, MA, home, they called Cameron Snyder and Mercedes Aza, owners of Roomscapes Luxury Design Center in Rockland and their team of expert designers and craftsmen to create a contemporary space with modern appointments and sleek European styling. It's a style that Aza, describes as "Modern Continental."

"The couple wanted a contemporary look that was warm and inviting, but with enough space to accommodate large gatherings," said Snyder. The scope of the project was expansive and included opening up adjoining spaces in order to accommodate the homeowners' needs. Roomscapes, a full service design-build firm, was able to provide the Dallas family with the entire spectrum of the services required for a successful remodel. From the initial design concept to the finishing details, even acting as the general contractor on the project, Aza and her team were there, providing the Dallas' with the security of knowing that just one company was handling everything.

Although Terry and John had done other renovation projects in the past, it had been a numbers of years since they'd taken on a project of this scale. The couple took their time, allowing for several months of planning meetings before making any final decisions; decisions that would ultimately enhance the space by providing better flow and function.

Roomscapes designer, Dawn Williams, spent countless hours getting to know the couple, taking the time to understand their needs and lifestyle, an assessment that she said she finds critical to the overall success of each project she's involved with. "Some of the most beautiful projects I've done are ones where I was able to express, through design, the client's true personal taste," explained Williams. "Likes, dislikes, how they live, what their interests are...all of the things that are fundamentally important to them play a significant part in the overall plan for the space," she said.



From far left: With clean lines and simple yet slightly exaggerated drawer and cabinet pulls, this kitchen is what Mercedes Aza, owner of Roomscapes, describes as "Modern Continental." The backsplash features 1"x1" tiles and the upper cabinets, with translucent doors, feel feather-light. An under-mounted sink is perched beneath unadorned windows.

The plan for the Dallas' kitchen was to create more space without having to add on. The original kitchen was small, long and narrow so in order to achieve an open layout, two walls were removed, opening the space up to the dining room on one side and the family room on the other. A beautiful curved archway was designed to soften the transition between spaces and a warm shade of gray with a taupe undertone was used throughout to unify everything. It created the perfect neutral palette for the couples art and accessories, while also lending a sense of serenity and calm to the well-used area.

While running their successful dry cleaning business is the couple's primary focus during the week, weekends often find them entertaining 20 or more guests, often including their two daughters and members of their large extended family.

"The couple are both from Greece, and have a passion for cooking and entertaining" said Williams, adding "The new kitchen had to be large enough for the social interactions that naturally evolve when you put food, family and friends together, but it also had to be intimate enough for just the two of them."

During the week, the Dallas home needed to be a respite from their busy lives. Even though Terry is a business owner with a hectic schedule, she still holds dear to the old-fashioned values of caring for everyone who comes through her door. "Terry always has a plate ready for you – complete with fresh herbs brought back from their garden in Greece," said Williams. "It is that warmth and grace that inspired the project and was then flawlessly translated into its design. The result is a new kitchen that the Dallas' absolutely love."