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BEST KITCHEN

O'Brien Harris, Tiburon Homes,
Michael Abraham Architecture

Calacatta Lincoln marble countertops from Calia Stone, a Riloh Equil Even light fixture and sleek Wolf stainless steel range create a blend of sophistication and functionality.

Peak Design

O'Brien Harris reimagines a Hinsdale kitchen with a stunning Park City-inspired aesthetic.

by KAILA STANG

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THE PROJECT

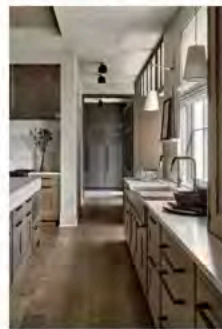
With an active lifestyle and three energetic sons, a spacious kitchen that would support both daily living and entertaining was crucial for the clients. After moving into their charming single-family home in Hinsdale, they charged Laura O'Brien of O'Brien Harris with designing a kitchen that seamlessly integrates practicality with style. Inspired by their love for the elegant mountain vibe of Park City, UT, they envisioned a space that blends the best of both worlds—combining the open, functional space they need with the sophisticated mountain style they adore.

THE DETAIL

"This home was a winner from the start," says O'Brien. "The client was open to ideas and guidance by us and the team; one specific [ask], though, was to have the island seating at table level. Not a typical request, but we were able to achieve this while still creating a cool and modern aesthetic." Building on this innovative approach, O'Brien and the team went on to further emphasize the kitchen's architectural features. Recognizing the potential for the second-floor catwalk to create a dramatic view of the breakfast table below, they installed custom metal brackets with pendants that gracefully extend and drop down, adding to the kitchen's charm.

THE OUTCOME

Shares O'Brien, "The clients really felt blown away with the finished product, and knew that the creative minds on the team pushed this to a level that they would not have gotten to on their own."



Design Details

Type
Single-family home

Location
Hinsdale

Architecture
Michael Abraham
Architecture
michael-abraham.com

Builders
Tiburon Homes
tiburonhomesllc.com

Design/Millwork
O'Brien Harris
obrienharris.com

Painters
Triangle Painting
630.789.6777

RESOURCES

Brizo
Fixtures
brizo.com

Calia Stone
Countertop slabs
caliastone.com

CB2
Chairs
cb2.com

Riloh
Light fixture over island
riloh.com

Sun Valley Bronze
Hardware
sunvalleybronze.com

The Urban Electric Company
Wall sconces
urbanelectric.com

Wolf
Kitchen range
subzero-wolf.com

From top: In the breakfast room, Bellevue wide cone pendant lights hang over CB2 Statue black dining armchairs; Sun Valley Bronze contemporary grip handles adorn the kitchen cabinets and Lou Lou wall sconces from The Urban Electric Company provide illumination above a custom O'Brien Harris double sink.