



“There were some tricky situations we had to overcome when designing the space,” says Cheryl. In the kitchen/bar area, the ceiling is intentionally shorter to conceal the home’s ductwork. This lower ceiling is why Cheryl opted for a one-level, 36-inch-tall island instead of a typical 42-inch bar height one. This shorter height is also why she chose to install the sink in the island as opposed to the back wall. “Even though it looks like a bar, it has the features of a full kitchen,” says Nestro. There is a pantry, a wine fridge, and an induction stove that is often used to bake pizzas. “I come from a family of chefs, so it was an absolute must for me to have a space with comfortable seating for dining where I could interact with my guests while preparing a meal.”



“There is a lot of meaning to the photos on the wall,” explains Cheryl. Several images display food from her mother’s cherished dishes, while one photo in particular pays tribute to their late family dog “Rocky,” who rightfully earned a place on the food wall as he was often found at guests’ feet begging for table scraps.