

PREPARED TO PERFECTION

Impeccable design rarely shouts in a space. Rather, it's the result of careful planning and preparation—ingredients essential to a successful space. The kitchen design began with a homeowner request that took the team by surprise. “The first thing that the client said was that she wanted a navy-blue kitchen and gave us a page she tore from a magazine,” LaVictor says. “That was a first for me.” While navy blue may not be a customary request in contemporary design, the team created a beautiful, balanced space that includes mixed metal finishes, fine architectural details, and most importantly, function.

The ceiling design required several meetings with the architect to get just right. “The ceiling is lower here because there are bedrooms above, so we don't have a big, lofty space as we do in the adjacent great room,” LaVictor explains. “So, we wanted to get the beam details in without sacrificing the feeling of the space.” This additional planning included beam placement in line with wall panels and cabinetry, as well as alignment with the island pendant lighting. “And we made sure the beams line up with the windows across the room, along with the multiple doorways coming in—all those things factor into how you incorporate all those details,” LaVictor explains.