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LIME AID

A lively shade of green refreshes this kitchen

KRISTINE AND JON KIES WERE CERTAIN about many of their Encinitas kitchen remodel plans. They knew they wanted to expand and modernize the space. They also knew they wanted maple cabinetry and gray, concrete-style countertops. They even knew that they wanted a cooktop separate from the oven, pot and pan drawers under the cooktop, a spice rack to the right of the cooktop, a tall drawer for cupboard items by the microwave and deep drawers for Tupperware under the microwave. What they didn't know was that they wanted the backsplash to be lime green.

"The backsplash was a big discussion," says designer Kristy Kropat. "They liked the color red, but weren't totally sure. I asked them how they wanted the space to feel and they said they really wanted it to be happy. They were quite focused on that word and that's where the green came in. It's fresher and lighter than red."

Kropat animated the bold backsplash with thicker, three-dimensional accent tiles in different,

darker shades of green. She broke through the ordinary by randomly placing these eye-catchers in groups of three throughout the kitchen. The pattern is rejiggered with five lengthier strips over the cooktop.

"I worked hard on how to incorporate those accent tiles without doing it the traditional way of a straight line with a strip going all the way around," says Kropat. "The layout was problematic because the field tiles come in 12 inches and the accent tiles are only 10 inches. We had to cut down the field tiles where the accent tiles are."

The homeowners got what they wanted: a functional, clean-lined, modern kitchen with "a little bit of funk," says Kristine. "We went out of our boundaries a little bit with the backsplash, but it makes the kitchen. It's been fun to watch the reactions of people when they come over. One of my friends actually jumped up and down, saying, 'Ooh, I love your backsplash.'"

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Above: Scandinavian light wood tones, edgy chroma quartz gray countertops, Kährs European flooring, streamlined horizontal stainless-steel cabinetry hardware and an energetic-green backsplash provide the modern feel homeowners wanted in their Encinitas kitchen.

WHERE TO FIND IT

and living room fireplace surround); InterCeramic, interceramic.com (*Shimmer* collection backsplash); International Bath & Tile, 858-268-2377 (flooring overall except powder room and exterior shower; master bath countertop and shower surround/bench); Soapstone West, 760-294-3479, soapstonewest.com (*Brazilian Black* soapstone countertops); Soilstone, 800-246-2156 (exterior shower floor); Waterworks, 858-454-0446, waterworks.com (powder room flooring, master bath deco accents, laundry room backsplash)

Photography: Brent Haywood Photography, 619-546-5109, brenthaywoodphotography.com



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Designer: Kristy Kropat, Allied Member ASID, 858-405-3535, kropatinteriordesign.com

General contractor: Remcon Design Build, 858-633-8558, remcondesignbuild.com

Appliances: Pacific Sales, 760-436-9268, pacificsales.com (Bosch Dishwasher, Broan Hood, GE Cooktop, GE Oven, Dacor Microwave, Jenn-Air Refrigerator)

Backsplash: International Bath & Tile, 858-268-3723, ibtsdiego.com (Interstyle Ceramic and Glass Tile, *sunny side glossy and barcode lemon shark*)

Cabinetry: Boyar's Kitchen Cabinets, 858-549-2000, boyars.com (*Maple*)

Cabinetry hardware: San Diego Hardware, 858-576-1892, sandiegohardware.com (Siro Designs, 128 MM stainless-steel pulls)

Countertop: Mena Marble, 619-508-6999 (Chroma Quartz, *Coastal Grey*)

Faucets/sink: Ferguson Enterprises Inc., 858-974-5100, ferguson.com (KWC faucet, Hunley potfiller, Franke stainless-steel apron sink)

Flooring: Contract Carpet, 760-436-9030, contract-carpet.com (Kährs engineered wood flooring, *Cliff Oaks*)

Glass tile installation: Pinnacle Tile and Stone, 619-980-0486, pinnacletileandstone.net

Lighting: Black Whale Lighting, 760-634-3114,

blackwhalelighting.com (Cree LED canned lights, fluorescent under-cabinet lights)

Photography: Gail Owens, 760-631-0537

EAST SIDE, WEST SIDE

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Landscape design/installation/plant choices: Homeowners Peter Cope Hendriks and Helen Hutchinson

Artificial turf: SYN Lawn Artificial Turf, 866-739-5296, synlawn.com

Arizona red boulders: Southwest Boulder & Stone (SWB), 619-331-3120, southwestboulder.com

Gate: Designed by Hendriks

Nurseries: Cedros Gardens, 858-792-8640, cedrosgardens.com (cacti, succulents, California natives and colorful salvias); Cordova Gardens, 760-944-6984 (cacti, succulents, New Zealand red flax); Miramar Wholesale Nursery, 858-552-0592, miramarnurseries.com (creeping rosemary, sedum, Palo Verde and Swan olive trees)

Paint: Dunn Edwards Paint, 858-527-1460, dunnedwards.com (*Mysteria* for home exterior color)

Riverbed rocks/turf block: RCP Block and Brick, 619-448-2240, rcpblock.com

SUNDAY AT THE STAR

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Busalacchi's A Modo Mio, 619-298-0119

Campine, "A Culinary + Cocktail Conspiracy," campinecatering.com

Cowboy Star, 619-450-5880, thecowboystar.com (Supper Sunday, 5:30 p.m.–9 p.m.)

Escape Fish Bar, 619-702-9200

Goorin Bros. Hat Shop, 619-450-6303, goorin.com

Quality Social, 619-501-7675

Soleluna Café, 619-232-0436

Vincent's, 760-745-3835, vincentsongrand.com

SAUCY SALMON

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Caribbean salmon: Concept Catering by CK, 858-336-9823, conceptcateringbyck.com; Kitchen 4140, 858-483-4140, kitchen4140.com

Mesquite grilled salmon: Sycuan Casino Wachena restaurant, 619-445-6002, sycuan.com/html/wachena-falls.html

Roasted wild salmon: Fixtures Living, 858-966-3600, fixturesliving.com ♦

CORRECTION

In the August issue's "San Diego Life" the spelling of Joye Blount's husband, chairman and CEO of SDGE Sempra Energy Utility, should have been: Jessie J. Knight, Jr.



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