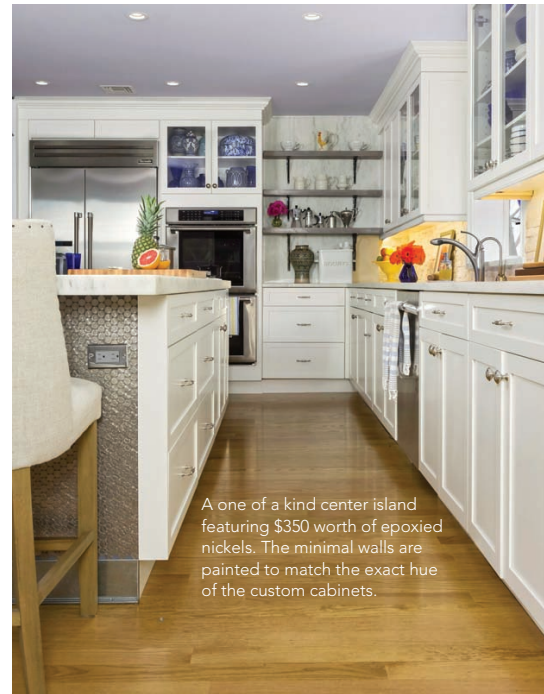




No need for a ventilation hood with a Thermador down draft cook top stove.



A one of a kind center island featuring \$350 worth of epoxied nickels. The minimal walls are painted to match the exact hue of the custom cabinets.

# Marrying Metals

Showcase Kitchens mixes materials to create layered space

By Hilary Grossman

Utilizing a metal beam ended up being more than just functional, adding some family fun to home. Lavender ceiling adds a pop of color and showcases the stainless steel Thermador appliances.

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When it came time to renovate and remodel their kitchen, these Long Islanders decided to stay local. They chose Showcase Kitchens of Manhasset because it was in their community. Little did they realize at the time the project would add fun and excitement to their teenage son's lives.

"I purchased the home from the original owners who lived in the home since 1953," The homeowner explained. "The house was in need of a complete renovation.

We converted three rooms into one large open kitchen using an exposed beam stripped to reveal its raw metal. My sons love it and swing from it daily."

The boys aren't the only ones who are enjoying the new kitchen. "Working with Showcase was an excellent experience," the homeowner stated. "They were experienced, knowledgeable, professional and friendly. They presented us with a lot of choices so we were able to get exactly

what we were looking for." She elaborated, "John Starck, designer and owner of Showcase Kitchens was also very proficient in providing realistic and reasonable time-frames regarding cabinet delivery and installation."

The homeowner, an interior designer, wanted an unexpected material for the kick area beneath the island. Her desire was accomplished by utilizing \$350 worth of nickels onto specially sized wood panels. The center island also fea-

tures a Thermador down draft cook top stove, which eliminates the need for a ventilation hood. Since there isn't a lot of wall space the walls were painted to match the color of the cabinets. A metallic theme was accomplished by using all stainless steel appliances, stripping the original wrought iron banister to its core revealing the raw iron and using reclaimed iron brackets in the coffee nook and dry bar. A lavender ceiling brings a pop of color and marries the metals. 🏠





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## Formal, Functional & Elegant

Showcase Kitchens conveys depth and character

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Above: Dark wood cabinets, L-shaped peninsula island, and the cabinet covered refrigerator set the tone for the formal and elegant kitchen, but the details under the island capture the homeowner's heart.

Above Left: An eight burner Viking stove makes cooking a breeze as does having so much storage. "We have not wasted space," the homeowner raved as she described the functionality of all the drawers.

The polished marble farmhouse sink, Brizo faucet, and mosaic tile backsplash add an old world charm. Under cabinet lights brighten the room and compliment the rich, dark wood.

When the family purchased their new house, they knew the existing kitchen needed an adjustment in a big way. The family of avid cooks and bakers removed numerous walls to maximize space and open the room up. They wanted the kitchen to be modern, however they also wanted to keep and compliment the classic colonial design of the rest of the house. Unsure of how to accomplish their design goals, they turned to experts, Showcase Kitchens of Massapequa.

Luis Viteri, kitchen designer, transformed their dreams into reality. "Luis was very nice, and incredibly helpful," the homeowner explained. "He spent a lot of time listening to our desires. He was very thoughtful and creative."

The family wanted a strong and rich room, which was formal, functional and elegant. But they also didn't want a room that was too classic. Luis Viteri, suggested dark wood cabinetry and a L shaped peninsula island to set the tone for the room. The two pol-

ished marble farmhouse sinks add an old world charm, as does the mosaic tile backsplash. The Viking appliances and pendant lights, which feature metallic accents, modernize and add warmth to the room making it the ideal location to entertain family and friends.

"I love everything about my kitchen," the homeowner gushed. "But my favorite part is the carved wood pillars underneath the sink and the island. They give so much character to the room." 🏠