

# Townhome Kitchen Bounces Back in Blue

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## Before

Juliana Ewer, owner and lead designer of J Squared Home Designs by Juliana Ewer, was called upon to give this Houston, TX kitchen a much-needed update as part of a full first-floor remodel. Located in a three-story townhome, the kitchen was constrained to the tight 700 square feet of the first floor and desperately needed more functional storage, as well as places to display beloved art pieces. The kitchen suffered from poor flow, and the client also disliked the two small high windows that seemed to make little sense in the space.



## After

Due to the size and layout of the townhome, expansion was not an option for the kitchen. No walls could be moved, so Ewer worked to create a plan that would fit the existing footprint. The new design offers improved flow throughout the open-concept living, dining and kitchen area, as well as upgraded storage space, in part by pushing the island back slightly into the living area. A third row of cabinetry was added, allowing for storage on both sides of the new island, as well as a built-in bar in the dining room.

Although the client tended toward scope creep, Ewer endeavored to stay within the project budget and parameters by sanding and refinishing the existing wood floors instead of installing new flooring, as well as adding floating glass cabinets in front of the unwanted- but-unremovable windows.

To create the desired eclectic look in the new kitchen, the designer selected sapphire-colored raised backsplash tiles and dramatic Silestone Eternal Noir and Lusso countertops, as well as Arteriors pendant lights and striking Worlds Away hardware.



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