



MATTE-MINDED

Update Becomes La Mesa Kitchen

Donna Gingerich wanted the dated and cramped kitchen to better reflect the rest of the lovely ranch-style home in a historic section of La Mesa. She called on Matt Barns' Kitchens Plus for help.

"We first took down the wall between the kitchen and dining room to create one large common room," Barns says. "That created space for a large island."

The window over the sink was pushed out to enhance the views and flood the kitchen with natural light. Additional light was brought in through new 10-light French doors that open to a seating area in the wrap-around front porch.

The white ceramic-tile countertop with black trim was replaced with earth-toned *Giallo Venziano* granite that was honed for a matte finish to match the rest of the Ranch-style house. The smooth flat look continues with the tumbled *Crema Marfil* marble tile backsplash and distressed *Hearth Ash* flooring.

Kitchens Plus' maple Dynasty/Omega cabinetry with

a custom *Opaque Ivory* stain is perfectly complemented by stainless-steel hardware and the appliances.

"I wanted classic white cabinets to bring something of a cottage-y look to complement the bead-board detail in the ceiling over the island," Gingerich says.

"The kitchen used to be able to accommodate only one cook; now there's room for three or four," Barns says.

Dick Lee, CKD, was project designer for Barns' La Mesa-based Kitchens Plus.



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