

OUR PROBLEM

“An ordinary kitchen in an extraordinary location”

THE SOLUTION

A cook's paradise with spectacular views

THE KITCHEN OF ART LEACH AND JUDY HENNESSY'S Jackson, Wyoming, home is surrounded by spectacular scenery. Unfortunately, like many speculative-built houses, this one was constructed from a cookie-cutter plan that virtually ignored the views of the nearby Teton Mountains. Since both of their professional lives revolved around food and the original kitchen was as basic as the house, Art and Judy budgeted for a renovation right from the start. Art, a chef and restaurant owner, and Judy, a certified nutritionist, loved to have large groups over for dinner. Then, three years ago, when Art decided to conduct cooking classes in their home, their renovation plans took on a specific urgency.

The couple decided to create a whole new kitchen, one that was more spacious as well as worthy of its setting with wide-open windows to pull in the mountain views. Their new cooking, teaching, and entertaining space would need to be designed to allow 20 or more people watch Art prepare food.

BEFORE

The old kitchen featured an interesting metallic backsplash but was otherwise too out-of-the-box for these serious cooks.

AFTER

The kitchen of this redesigned builder's spec home is open to the mountains in the distance as well as to the friends and family close at hand. A massive overhead beam opens the space up while wrapping the kitchen in its warm embrace.

