

DREAM KITCHEN TEAMWORK

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Constantine Builders leads team effort to create client's dream

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Many kitchens today are more than just a place to prepare meals. Families today are asking for more of this kind of versatile space. This kitchen was a study in accomplishing the kitchen of one's dreams. Notice that simply "acquiring" a dream is not the objective here: the client's involvement is as crucial as the designer's talent and the builder's dedication in this process.

Three key elements play a vital role in the success of a dream kitchen: research, experience and coordination. The client, the designer and the builder must all put forth a great deal of effort when it comes to these elements.

The client came armed with many pictures, product research, and details of what they wanted in this kitchen. *We wanted a warm (comfortable) open concept kitchen that would allow us to entertain our large families. Our families always*

seem to end up in the kitchen. The style of our home is French Country and it was very important to us to carry that throughout the home.

The designer had the talent and experience to make these concepts functional. Then it was up to the builder to take all of these hopes and dreams and turn them into reality.

Other components of this upscale kitchen include a central vacuum (installed under the floor), custom refrigeration, radiant heat and granite countertops. Having a working relationship with the granite supplier allowed us to see the entire slab before layout so that the natural swirl of color in the stone would follow the line of the peninsula.

And how does the homeowner feel about the new kitchen? *The maple cabinets give us the look we want. The tile and granite brought in the natural earth tones. Choosing the granite was exciting. It's*

nice to know no two slabs of granite are alike. Once we chose Golden Viaura we chose the ceramic tile flooring and the tumble stone backsplash with mural to complement it. The mural helped personalize the kitchen. Throughout our home we have many custom details. The beautiful crown molding on the cabinets ties in with molding and crown work throughout the house. Little things like the rope molding added more detail and depth to our kitchen.

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