



RIGHT: Custom cabinet pulls keep finishes to a minimum, continuing the integrated look. OPPOSITE: Two towers of cabinets maximize storage, create symmetry and hide the fridge. Backsplash, counters, Ciot; stools, Nuevo Living.





A converted backyard garage gets a clever kitchen that takes functionality to the next level.

arm, modern style and custom details elevate this ultracompact kitchen Karen designed for her backyard office in Toronto.

HOUSE & HOME: Tell us about the backyard garage and how you use it.

KAREN SEALY: It's about 500 square feet and serves as the office for me and my team. The previous kitchen had been added 14 years ago, and it felt a bit fussy. We wanted to experiment with the design and make it more representative of the work we do.

H&H: How would you describe the look?
KS: Maritime modern. Like Scandi
modern, there's a simplicity of shape
and form with no extra details, but it's
the maritime portion that brings in the
warmth. By marrying natural textures
and materials with clean, contemporary
lines, it becomes very welcoming.

H&H: What were the most costly aspects of the project?

KS: The appliances were a bit of a splurge. The Wolf downdraft venting meant we didn't need to incorporate a vent hood, and the Invisacook induction cooktop is installed under the porcelain so it becomes a counter surface when it's not being used.

H&H: What's your best advice for designing a small kitchen?
KS: Think about how everything moves. Can your drawers get past your baseboard or windowsill?
Is the door going to hit the wall?
Know that you could spend more per square foot than with a larger kitchen because you may need to look at custom options to get the most out of the space you have.

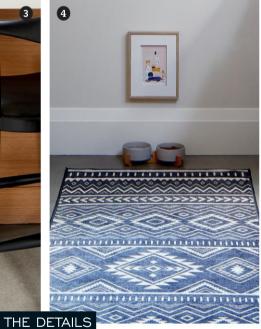
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1. The pullout step is handy for high items, as demonstrated by a friend of the company, Holly Cowieson, and Karen's pup, Prairie. 2. Cottage character comes by way of the engineered stone backsplash, which adds grit and texture to the sleek surroundings. 3. The peninsula's storage cabinet can be accessed from the seating area. 4. A piece of art was placed above the feeding bowls, "at dog height."



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Maja counter stool in Black. \$1,112. Nuevo Living.