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**PRETTY & PRACTICAL.** In this family home, because of frequent work trips and a busy school schedule, a functional yet attractive kitchen was a must-have. Displaying sturdy, durable materials like walnut and quartz, the kitchen is laid out perfectly for making quick family dinners—plenty of counter space and room to move.



# Bungalow Beauty

See how a long list of must-haves gets packed into this small San Diego Craftsman kitchen.

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**|OPPOSITE FAR RIGHT| A PLACE TO LAND.** To complete the cozy atmosphere, Pamela included a window seat in her design. Floral curtains and soft throw pillows add snug texture. Pamela combined velvet, wool and linen pillows, adding, "The floral curtains were the homeowner's, and we left them up, as their colors worked perfectly with our color palette and added a homey feeling to the overall space."

**|OPPOSITE RIGHT| BURGUNDY BEAUTY.** Bursts of burgundy liven up this Craftsman kitchen. A range from the Bertazzoni Heritage Collection meshes flawlessly with the burgundy pops in the backsplash overhead.



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## *When a family inhabits a home,*

their spirits and personalities, along with their tastes and preferences, permeate each space. This is especially true of the kitchen, where busy families congregate over shared meals and laughter. When Pamela Martin Johnston, senior interior designer at San Diego's Jackson Design and Remodeling, started designing this Craftsman-style kitchen, she had this very image in her mind.

Alongside residential designer David Hall and interior stylist Karina Kmiotek-Ally, Pamela wove her client's must-haves into this cheerful kitchen. She explains that the homeowner "travels frequently for work" and "has a young daughter with a busy school and activity schedule." Pamela and her team headed into the 1937 bungalow located in San Diego's Mission Hills area and set out to honor this family's lifestyle through thoughtful kitchen features.

### FORM & FUNCTION

Pamela shares that over six months, her team opened up the dining room, kitchen and nook and integrated the dining spaces into the kitchen.

The space also includes a "drop zone" for the homeowner's daughter, where she can organize school papers and do her homework. Pamela explains, "We originally came up with another design in which the sink was placed at the kitchen window. After spending more time with the client and addressing her needs for a drop zone for her daughter, we modified the design to include the tall cabinet, bench and desk."

## **Create a Gorgeous Backsplash**

Backsplashes with intricate patterns, bold colors and eye-catching materials have become popular, like the stunning floral-inspired backsplash in this kitchen. If you'd love to create a backsplash with personality, Pamela shares the steps to make it a reality.

1. "I like to tell my clients to 'fall in love with something.' That can be a slab, a faucet, a sink or a burgundy range. From there, you can pull design inspiration."
2. "Look for a tile that blends in character with the item you love. For example, if it's a classic-looking piece, then you wouldn't choose a modern tile."
3. "Next, pull in subtle colors or details that you love for repetition, but don't overpower other pieces. In the case of this kitchen, we needed the burgundy from the range to be represented, but lightly."

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**|TOP RIGHT| STYLISH ORGANIZATION.** A drop zone for the homeowner's daughter next to the kitchen's built-in window seat is neat and tidy, thanks to clever built-ins with ample storage.

**|BOTTOM RIGHT| TIMELESS TOUCHES.** Warm, welcoming details abound in the kitchen. A Kohler farmhouse sink lends country charm alongside classic cabinets rendered in natural walnut wood. A cotton tea towel showing off red stripes ties in with the kitchen's color palette.

## *Bring Autumn* into the Kitchen

In addition to the kitchen displaying a fall-friendly color palette, there are seasonal touches throughout. Pamela shares her tips for weaving autumnal accents into a kitchen, saying, "The quickest and easiest seasonal update in a kitchen is new dish towels, napkins or table linens. Burgundy, oranges and reds paired with navy and gray will create a fall feeling in any space. The addition of natural woods communicates the warmth and coziness of autumn. Seasonal flowers, fruits and vegetables, such as gourds and chrysanthemums, brighten a room with natural fall style."

Originally, the drop zone was overflowing with craft supplies and school items. But Pamela added a tall cabinet with hooks inside for a backpack and trays for school essentials. The adjacent window bench also brings added comfort. "The bench allows her a comfortable spot to hang out, read and be in the same space as her parents while they are cooking. The desk gives mom and daughter a workspace that keeps them in the family zone instead of tucked away," Pamela says.

### DELIGHTFUL DETAILS

In addition to these handy features, the kitchen brims with charming aesthetics. Pamela shares that the homeowner desired a functional family kitchen that was "modern and easy to use, while also respecting the original character of her Craftsman bungalow."

After the remodeling was completed, the once small and standard kitchen with no dishwasher and limited workspace was transformed into a contemporary Craftsman masterpiece. While staying true to the home's vintage feel, Pamela integrated several items on the homeowner's wish list, like a colored range.

"She was open to any color and looking for help in deciding. We chose the Heritage Collection Bertazzoni burgundy range, and that led to many of the remaining design selections." Using the burgundy range as an anchor, they mirrored the hue in the inlay on the custom-designed backsplash. The warmth of walnut woods used throughout communicates a feeling of coziness. The wood on the bench and the island matches the moldings in the rest of the home. "It's those purposeful details that make it all come together perfectly," Pamela says.

Pamela explains that the homeowner's partner is from France, and cooking for them is about family togetherness. She adds, "The family loves how they can now easily have a crêpe night and cook side by side." **CB**

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