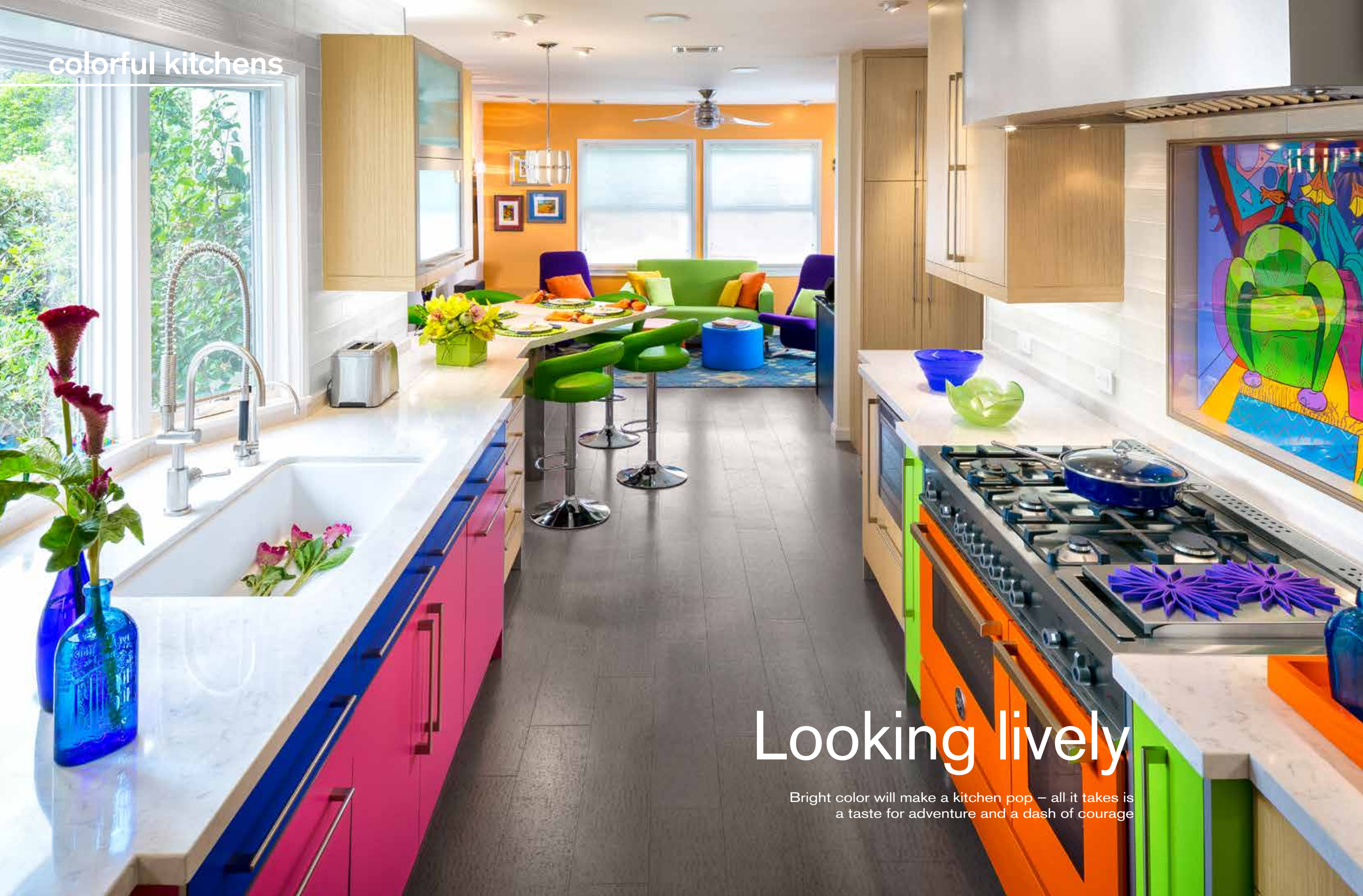


colorful kitchens



Looking lively

Bright color will make a kitchen pop – all it takes is a taste for adventure and a dash of courage

Happy place

A bright painting inspired the cheerful mix of colors in this family kitchen



Design inspiration can come from plenty of different places. But for the owners of this kitchen, Wendy Schultz and Pete Langbord, it was their favorite painting that set the scene for a bold, colorful space.

Designer Elina Katsioulas-Beall says the painting inspired not only the color selections but also the design of the kitchen.

“The owners’ daughter Estee adores the painting as it reminds her of the movie *Toy Story*, so we decided to make this the focal point from which everything else would radiate.”

The designer says in the original kitchen the refrigerator was near the cooktop, which reduced counter space for food preparation. The circulation was also restricted by an L-shaped counter, and a suspended overhead cabinet blocked the view to the breakfast area.

“We moved the refrigerator into the former oven alcove, and created a new cooking zone that is large enough to accommodate a range with two ovens. The painting sits above this, within a niche covered with tempered glass. Colors in the artwork are repeated in the orange range, the bright green spice pullouts and the blue and pink cabinet doors. Rift-cut white oak cabinets help to offset the bright pops of color.”

The curving shapes in the painting are also referenced, in the curve of the hood and a purple vaulted ceiling element.

To disguise functionality, the refrigerator and freezer columns mimic sleek armoires, and are separated by a landing counter with a coffee center above.

“The sink countertop that wraps around the bay window was extended to form an angled breakfast table with bar stools on both sides,” says Katsioulas-Beall. “There are unobstructed views between the kitchen and family area.”

Two doggie gates are concealed within the cabinets at the entry to the kitchen, and cabinets are laminated to resist marking by pets.



Preceding pages: All the colors of the rainbow – this vibrant interior remodeled by Elina Katsioulas-Beall challenges tradition to create a lively, fun, family living space.

Above: The calm neutral tones of rift-cut white oak cabinets help to offset the pops of color. Tempered glass covers the painting above the range, which inspired the design.

Right: An angled breakfast table maximizes space in the family area.

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Right: A bright orange Bertazzoni Professional range with two ovens enhances the sense of drama. The range is flanked by bright green spice cabinets.

Facing page: Twin columns accommodating the refrigerator and freezer are designed to resemble contemporary armoires. A coffee center is positioned between these.

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Kitchen designer: Elina Katsioulas-Beall,
(Hollywood Hills, CA)
Builder: Lyman Construction, Inc
Cabinetry: Columbia in rift-cut white oak and
multicolor laminates
Countertops: Silestone Lagoon
Splashback: UltraGlas Taffeta tile
Sink: Alfi 36in fireclay
Facuets: Tara by Dornbract; Franke
Range: Bertazzoni Professional
Hood surround: Custom curved laminate by
Serrao Cabinets
Ventilation: Best
Refrigeration: Thermador
Dishwasher: Miele Futura Diamond
Flooring: Nova Gray Weave cork by
ProSource
Lighting: LED recessed by Elco; pendants
by owner
Table setting: Crate & Barrel

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This colorful kitchen by DeWitt
Designer Kitchens features a pet gate
that is concealed within the cabinets
when not in use.