



# Amethyst jewel

Inspired by an amethyst pendant, this new kitchen teams lavender granite and lilac glass mosaics with graphite and black cabinets, and flashes of silver





**Design inspiration can come** from many quarters. But it was a favorite piece of jewelry that sparked the design of this remodeled kitchen in a house owned by Nancy and Robert Cohen.

Elina Katsioulas-Beall of DeWitt Designer Kitchens says Nancy came into her studio wearing an amethyst pendant set in silver.

“She was very excited and

said these were the exact colors she wanted for her new kitchen – lavender and purple, mixed with graphite and black. Our search for materials started right there.”

But the new kitchen was not just about the look. It was also about improving the functionality for the owner, who loves to bake. The U-shaped layout was changed so the space could be maximized

lengthwise. A corner cooking and prep area was introduced and a new island was added, with bar stools at one end.

But it is the materials that really spell the difference for this kitchen. Katsioulas-Beall says the amethyst inspired the glass top on the curved end and one side of the island.

“Violet lighting in the glass replicates the client’s favorite gemstone. We teamed this with

Lavender Mist granite counters and lilac glass mosaics, which line the concave alcove behind the cooktop. Matching curved soffits, mauve wallpaper and a custom wall mosaic of a cherry blossom echo these tones.”

Dark graphite rift-cut oak cabinets, and pantry doors in black alder help to balance the more colorful elements – the floor is also graphite oak planks. The refrigerator is

concealed behind a Japanese tansu-style armoire with black and gray lattice panels, and the dishwasher is also integrated. Other stainless steel Miele appliances provide a flash of silver, just like the jewelry.

“The pantry, coffee center and microwave are all mid height to provide improved access for the owner, who cannot reach high storage,” says Katsioulas-Beall.

**Interior and kitchen designer:**

Elina Katsioulas-Beall, DeWitt Designer Kitchens (Pasadena, CA)

**Construction company:**

Baker Mechanical

**Cabinet company:** Columbia Cabinets;

Serrao Cabinets

**Cabinetry:** Rift-cut white oak and alder in Graphite and Cottage Black

**Hardware:** Top Knobs

**Flooring:** European oak in Dark Gray

**Countertops:** Glass from Think Glass; Lavender Mist granite from Marble Unlimited

**Backsplash:** Lava Lavender glass mosaics from WalkOn Tile

**Lighting:** Halo; and Prisma pendants from WAC Lighting Co

**Wall tiles:** UltraGlas Taffeta Bright White

**Feature wall:** Francois & Co

**Faucets:** KWC Eve

**Ovens, hood, refrigeration, coffee machine and dishwasher:** Miele

**Cooktop:** Wolf

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**Preceding pages and above:** Glass countertops illuminated with violet lighting ensure this kitchen sparkles like a jewel. The countertops also feature Lavender Mist granite. Most of the cabinets and the flooring are in graphite oak, while the pantry cabinets are black alder.

**Above left:** Custom drawer storage maximizes the new cooking corner.

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