



# From Vision *to Reality*

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Matching granite was used for both the countertops and the expansive waterfall island.

**S**ometimes it's hard to envision what a place will look like before it exists, but for Highlands Ranch homeowners Matt and Tammie Schumacher, this was not the case! The couple purchased their home with a clear, shared vision of how their kitchen would look once their extensively planned remodel was complete. "We bought this house in October of last year specifically to build our dream kitchen," says Tammie. "We both saw the design when we first walked in."

Determined to design this house, and specifically their kitchen, exactly the way they wanted it, they reached out to Mitch Schwartz of The Furnished Kitchen to help create the kitchen of their dreams. "We were involved from the start," Tammie says. "We drew the original design out and then had Mitch help with the fine details. Schwartz describes his collaboration with the Schumachers as "clean [and] well thought-out". "I have been thinking of my dream kitchen for several years," admits Tammie, who cites Pinterest and new-build houses as her main sources of inspiration.

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an inclusive and comfortable gathering spot for the whole family, while also maximizing speed, convenience, and ease of use. Gleaming granite countertops from The Stone Collection provide a durable, easy-to-clean foundation to prevent against sticky little fingerprints and accidental spills. The couple also decided on white shaker cabinets from Waypoint to be able to take care of visible dirt or stains easily.

Ash espresso stain flooring serves to draw the eye upward to create a more spacious kitchen silhouette, while a dramatic backsplash made from Viviano Marmo Dolomite Skyfall Clipped Diamond Marble Mosaic from Floor & Décor, provides a subtle, elegant sheen.





Black Stainless Samsung appliances from Appliance Factory Fine Lines, chosen by the homeowners for their unique features, are just the right fit for this synergistic blend of form and functionality.

Perhaps most impressive is the large family-sized island made to match the granite and cabinets that is used throughout the rest of the kitchen design. The island also doubles as a table- one more thing to make meal times easier for the family. In fact, Mitch Schwartz lists the island as his favorite design element of the entire kitchen remodel!



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Hidden cabinets under the island provide additional storage space.



The fingerprint resistant, black stainless refrigerator by Samsung is the perfect fit for the family.



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The Schumachers were quite pleased with the quick turnaround time for the project, as well as the thoroughness and courtesy of the contractors. “All the contractors that we worked with were great and efficient,” says Tammie. “We came in on budget and were done even earlier than we thought we would be!”

In addition to giving the Schumachers the user-friendliness they required, Tammie and Matt’s new kitchen is an eye-catching masterpiece that has already received quite a few compliments from family and friends.

“We had some friends over who knew what it looked like before,” recalls Tammie. “They were shocked! It was such a drastic difference. We had room for everyone to sit and enjoy themselves, room to walk and cook without having to say ‘excuse me,’ or ‘let me move out of your way.’ It made me feel proud of what we had!”

The kitchen is now equipped to grow with them and provide them with the space, convenience, and versatility they dreamed of from the beginning.

**The Furnished Kitchen**

Owner/Operator Mitch Schwartz has been designing and remodeling high end custom kitchens and bathrooms for over 30 years. His depth of knowledge and experience across a broad range of trades makes him invaluable when properly executing complicated remodel jobs.

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