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Crosby Kitchen, Hillsborough, Calif.

Grand award, Kitchen in a Remodeled Home, over 3,000 square feet

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“Full of good ideas,” said the jury of this galley kitchen, complimenting its smart design for a narrow space and hard-working island. The handsome wood detailing could have been overbearing but steers clear of being heavy-handed and simply looks warm. It’s sleek, too, thanks to semi-circular pull-holes that stand in for cabinet hardware.

The remodeled kitchen is an update of an outdated space that was cut off from the rest of the house. Designed for a young mom who’s a serious food blogger and avid entertainer, the room was conceived for testing recipes and throwing dinner parties. Because it’s too narrow for a standard-width island and standard wall cabinetry didn’t suit the dimensions, architect Leslie Lamarre went with a galley setup and tall cabinets.

The room’s main workspace is set between a window wall and a 30-inch-wide island that includes a four-burner gas cooktop, quartz and walnut counters, and a roll-away component that also serves as a table for kids and guests.

Below-counter shelves ensure that important cookbooks are close at hand. A desk is set to the left of the dishwasher, adjacent to the sitting area; it’s concealed by cabinetry when it’s not in use. A tall wine cellar stashes bottles, and an arched pass-through to the dining room makes serving dinner a breeze.

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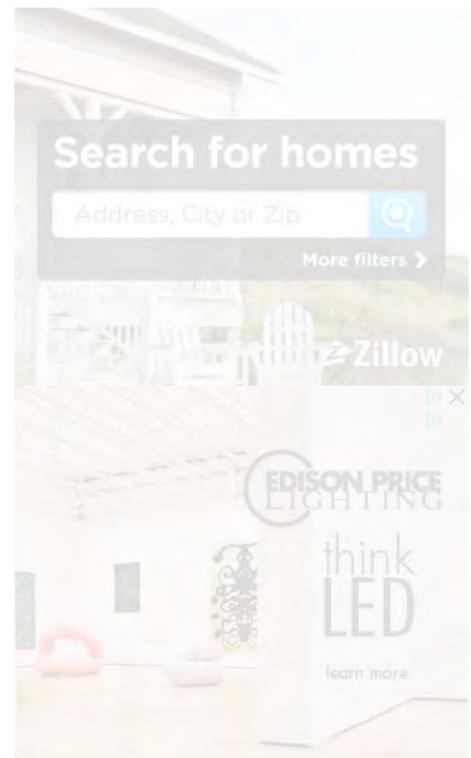
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Designed by food blogger to work by day and entertain by night, this kitchen is a chockablock with smart ideas

The kitchen is in a remodeled home, and the room's footprint was narrow. Designer TRG Architects spec'd a slim, 30-inch wide kitchen island with plenty of storage and a rolling worktable at one end.



Tall cabinets and uppers provide additional storage.

The dining room entry is arched, and the pass-through follows the same lines. Using it makes serving dinner to guests in the dining room a simple thing.



The roll-away work block can do double duty as a seating area for guests--or for a busy food blogger to sit and jot notes during recipe testing.

