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Plaza Perfection. The desire for a Plaza pied-à-terre was the genesis for this sleek kitchen redo. The Hemingway condo with killer views over the tree-tops of Brush Creek is perfect for people-watching, and the place to be for the Thanksgiving lighting ceremony. Although they have a house in suburban Johnson County, these homeowners wanted to embrace the experience of urban living too.

After using Portfolio Kitchen & Home for their suburban kitchen, they contacted them for this renovation. "They wanted something very edited and cosmopolitan," says Geri Higgins, owner of Portfolio. "But they wanted it to be very warm, too."

The designers at Portfolio met the challenge of creating a spacious feel in what was really a small apartment by the continuity of design. The wall in the living area that holds the flat-screen TV balances the integrated kitchen wall that's directly opposite. Even the base of the dining room table is made of the same rift-sliced white oak as all of the cabinetry in the condo.

For the cabinets and the paneled wall, the grain of the wood runs horizontally. "It gives it a totally different look," notes Geri. A custom mosaic tile runs along one



side of the kitchen facing the entry. "That backsplash is truly a little splash," Geri says. "It's a splash of color." The rectangular tile, a mix of glass and opaque tiles, repeats the rectangular pattern reflected throughout the space.

An overscaled porcelain tiled floor was used throughout. "Large, not small, for more volume and not too many lines," Geri says. "With small spaces you really need to pay even more attention to the details."

Are the homeowners happy? They must be, because now they're moving on up to the penthouse, and Portfolio is doing the kitchen in that pied-à-terre too.

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