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Modern '60s Vibe

WHEN TREVER FRICKEY AND TODD BREZINKA MOVED INTO THEIR 1979 HOUSE IN "OLD" BRIARCLIFF, THE SOARING SPACES SUITED THEM WELL, BUT THE KITCHEN DIDN'T. "The house had sat empty for 13 years, and then a new owner redid the kitchen in a very traditional way," says Frickey. "We wanted more workable counter space where three people could be cooking at once. And we wanted more of a modern '60s vibe" to go with artwork and furniture.

After a lot of research, the two found Italian cabinetry they loved at Geri Higgins' Portfolio Kitchen and Home. Working with designer David Zebley, the homeowners chose sleek and sophisticated Pedini cabinetry in wenge wood with chrome hardware. Frosted glass on upper cabinets, soft lighting by LDL, Bizzazza black-and-brown

Above: The window over the kitchen sink reveals a wooded and private backyard. *Right:* Frosted glass upper cabinets enlarge the space, yet conceal any clutter. The glass-fronted Sub-Zero refrigerator makes quick work of finding items.









Left: Frickey and Brezinka added the sliding glass doors to the deck.
Above: Two generous appliance garages and a table and drawers on wheels make the pantry especially accessible.

mosaic tile backsplash and flecked white quartz countertop combine for “an unbelievable canvas,” says Frickey. A long buffet area is perfect for parties. “Whatever food you put out on the counter just pops, and that backsplash sparkles at night,” says Frickey.

Keeping their pop art sensibility, one wall is painted a vibrant orange, vintage grocery store packages form a collection, and a linear bookshelf of cookbooks seems to float against one wall. Collections of vintage Pyrex and Frickey’s mother’s canister set from the 1950s add a little fun.

But no mistake: This kitchen is for serious cooks—and bakers. To the right of the kitchen is a hidden area that houses an appliance garage of shuttered metal and a pull-out prep table on wheels, with drawers inside. Quiet Miele appliances, a Sub-Zero refrigerator, a deep stainless steel Julien sink, a warming drawer, and five-burner gas range make prep work a pleasure. Everything is in its place, and life for Frickey and Brezinka is good.