

## In Her Kitchen with **Dora Ericksen**

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**Q. What do you love most about your kitchen design?**

A. Having all the state-of-the-art appliances and features! I love how big and open it is and how there is a place for EVERYTHING! Also love the bake center!

**Q. What is your favorite organizational feature in your kitchen?**

A. The new Wolf Oven/Range with Pot Filler; cooking is so much easier and fast—and very fun now! Our 48-inch Sub Zero refrigerator keeps fruits and veggies three times longer than any other refrigeration I had used in the past!

**Q. Who did you work with in designing and/or purchasing appliance for your kitchen?**

A. Our designer was Jim Madsen of Design Classics, with the help of Shanale Phipps and the owner of Direct Appliance, Ron Winters, and his employee, Dewayne.



**Q. What did you like most about working with Direct Appliance?**

A. I loved that they were friendly and fair. They had lots of patience to help us make the best choices possible for what we were trying to accomplish in our new kitchen! They guided us through making a lot of big decisions, and the end result is that we love our new kitchen, thanks in a big part to Direct Appliance.

**Q. What was the most challenging part of designing your kitchen?**

A. The most challenging was of course making sure that everything matched and looked good when it was all finished. The hardest part was picking the tile that matched our granite and designing the backsplash behind the stove. One big setback we had was that the first backsplash had to be torn out and completely redone, to the tune of \$3,000 and a lot of wasted time. There are not enough different pictures and ideas to choose from online or in stores!

**Q. Where did you look for design ideas for your kitchen?**

A. At Direct Appliance and talking to our designers Jim and Shanale, books, online, at stores including Daltile and Bedrosians, Best Cabinets, Allison Decorating, Specialty Tile Inc., Northern Lights, Phillips Lighting, Valley Distributors and Abe's Discount Plumbing.

**Q. What advice would you give someone looking to design or remodel their home kitchen?**

A. The most important thing is having the best contractor that you can trust and count on to do your job from start to finish without any delays. Our contractor was Gary Madsen with Madsen Construction; Gary was the very best!

**Q. What does your family like most about your new kitchen?**

A. Everything. but it's great to have the under-the-counter refrigerator for wine, sodas and water bottles; it was an afterthought, but we really love it!



Q. What is your favorite meal to cook with your family?

A. Pot roast has been fun to prepare; once it's cooked you put in the 36-inch warming drawer to serve piping hot. I really love this warming drawer as well. It was like the under-counter refrigerator, kind of an afterthought, but I can't imagine my new kitchen without them both!

Q. What do your friends love most about your kitchen?

A. They love the total design, state-of-the-art appliances, cabinetry, lighting and the overall quality of the total project.

