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**SPECIAL FEATURES**  
 Oversized tile  
 backsplash with little  
 grout for a seamless  
 clean finish, countertop  
 that continues alongside  
 the cabinets to the  
 floor for a unified  
 look, 3/4-inch-thick  
 countertops, two-toned  
 cabinets

**DIMENSIONS**  
 15 x 8

**PRODUCTS USED**  
 Cabinetry: Aster Cucine  
 Flooring: Sawn oak  
 Countertops:  
 Caesarstone Blizzard  
 Sink(s): Blanco  
 Faucet(s): Blanco  
 Refrigerator: Liebherr  
 Range: Jenn-Air  
 Dishwasher: Miele  
 Lighting: Design Within  
 Reach, Nunzia Carbone  
 and Tiziano Vudaferi,  
 Zaneen Polidemo Five-  
 Light Flush Mount  
 Wallcovering: Tiled  
 backsplash and paint

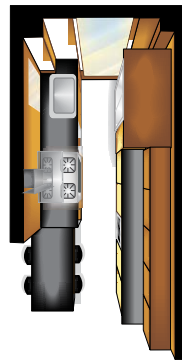
## Urban Renewal

THEIR LOVELY LAIR tucked tidily amid Manhattan's trendy Lower East Side, this small family is enamored of entertaining. Their culinary quandary? Boxed-in by four walls, the claustrophobic kitchen made navigation near impossible. To give them some breathing room while breathing new life into their lethargic layout, the homeowners hired Derek Zylewicz and Laura Husni of Urban Homes.

After some considered planning, Zylewicz and Husni accomplished their objectives in spades. The designers gutted the existing room, a move that enabled them to tie the new kitchen to the living and dining areas. The result is a unified space characterized by clean lines and smooth continuity.

They punched up the cohesive ante even more so via their choice of three-quarter-inch-thick Caesarstone Blizzard counters, which continue along the perimeter of the cabinetry and descend to the floor. Also, the contrasting two-toned Aster Cucine cabinetry—walnut and white high-gloss lacquer—add a distinctively retro-esque riff that accompanies the aesthetic used throughout the rest of the home. And the minimal application of grout-work in the oversized tile backsplash helps round out the seamless assembly.

The result: a chic-and-serviceable gourmet's delight perfectly befitting of its fashionable Big Apple locale. «



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