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# A LIGHT, BRIGHT KITCHEN

Tennille Wood of Beautiful Habitat transformed a dark kitchen into a sunny space for a pair of retirees looking to begin their next chapter.

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**A**lthough the clients had purchased this townhome several years earlier, it wasn't until they officially retired that they reached out to Beautiful Habitat Interior Design and Decoration and asked Tennille Wood to help them remodel. The kitchen, in particular, needed some attention.

"Before we started, the kitchen had darker cabinets, black countertops, and inadequate lighting to compensate for the dark surfaces," says Wood. "The island had a two-tier design and was awkwardly located in the room. There was not adequate workspace on either side of the range. There was a lot of dead space in the kitchen itself."





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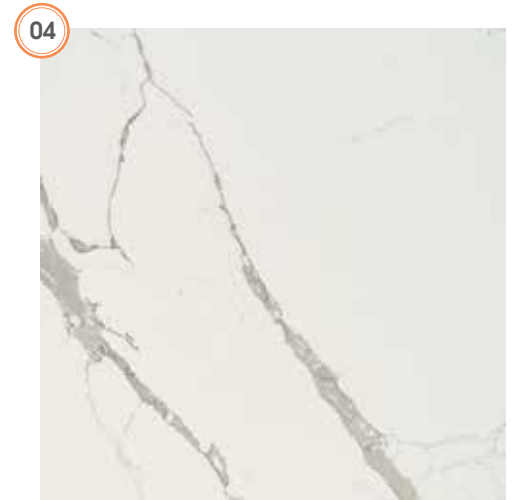
In addition to lightening up the whole look, the clients' wish list included more space for seating and prep work—a place to roll out cookie dough with the grandkids—and they were willing to sacrifice refrigerator and pantry space to make that happen as they enjoy getting fresh ingredients more frequently and don't require a lot of food storage.

Wood replaced the dark existing cabinets with bright white ones. To add interest, they selected a quartz countertop with a lot of veining and then pulled the charcoal color from the veins for the paint on the island.

A particular highlight of the finished project is the backsplash. "This glass is beautiful on so many levels," says Wood. "The elongated diamond shape, wavy texture, and three-color combination. The vertical installation adds interest and a modern edge." The pendant lights are another favorite element. "They speak to the client's more modern design style, and the larger scale is in perfect proportion to the new island." ✦

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**01.** Above the range, Wood replaced the existing microwave hood with a **Savona wall mount** from Zephyr. These stunners come in black and white in addition to the classic stainless. [zephyronline.com](http://zephyronline.com); **02.** The **pendant lights** are from the Genesis collection by Ultralights. They come in a variety of sizes and finishes to fit any room. [ultralightslighting.com](http://ultralightslighting.com); **03.** The **backsplash** combines three colors of glass tile from Glazzio. The Aristocrat Harbor collection actually includes seven shades of whites and grays, plus a pale aqua and a greige (called "Quail"). [glazziotiles.com](http://glazziotiles.com); **04.** The Calacatta Lago **quartz** that Wood selected from MSI is discontinued, but you can get a similarly luxurious look from top-seller Calacatta Laza. [msisurfaces.com](http://msisurfaces.com); **05.** High on the clients' wish list was lots of comfy and stylish seating, easily accomplished with the **Cora barstools** from Room & Board, which can be customized by color and material. [roomandboard.com](http://roomandboard.com).