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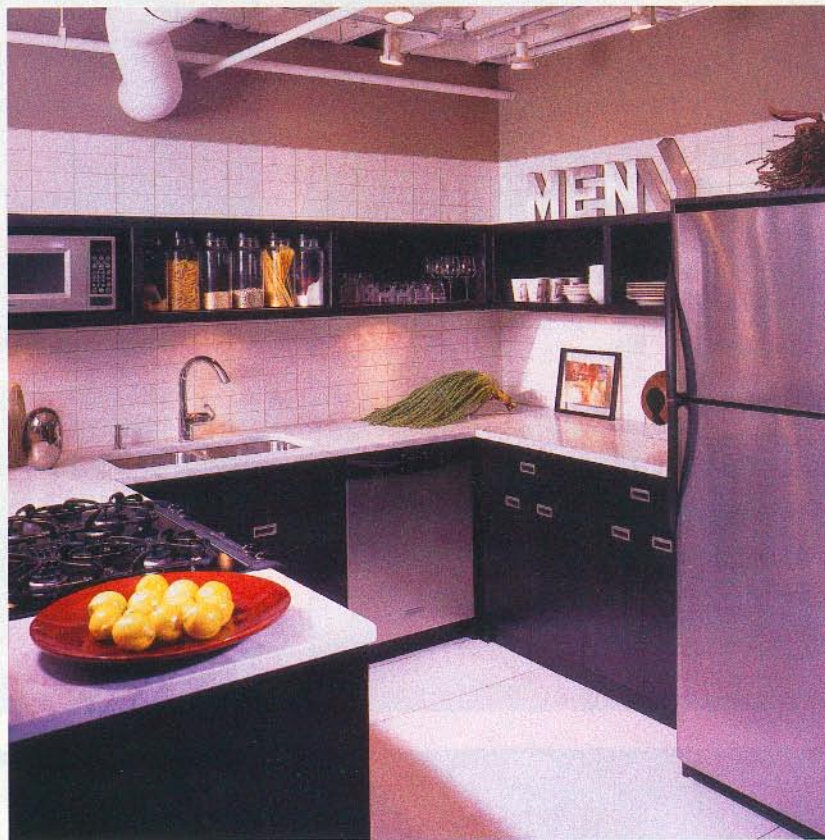
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2006 Kitchen of the Year Winners

A LOFTY IDEA



Corey McIntosh used simple and economical solutions to open up his intown kitchen.

He salvaged the bodies of the original cabinets and applied an espresso-stained oak veneer on the doors and drawer fronts to save money. One of the biggest challenges was the close fit between the dishwasher and cabinets. McIntosh used contemporary-looking recessed pulls in place of knobs, which were too big and previously blocked the dishwasher from opening.

To emphasize the loft-like feel, he added open shelves to house dishes, his collection of candy jars from England and other glassware and small appliances, like a microwave. "I do live in a loft, so I wanted to keep that feeling," he says.

Another inexpensive material McIntosh used was subway tile, which he stacked horizontally instead of in the traditional brick pattern, to create a contemporary feel.

The space for the refrigerator also presented a problem. He shopped around and found that high-end refrigerators weren't an option because they were too wide for the space. Those that fit were stainless on the front but black on the sides, "which I hated," he says. The cabinetmaker built a box around the refrigerator to hide the black sides, creating a built-in look.

DESIGNER

Corey McIntosh of McIntosh Interiors

HOMEOWNER

Corey McIntosh

CATEGORY

Remodel, less than 220 square feet

PRICE RANGE

Under \$20,000

RESOURCES

Cabinets, Atlanta Wood Trends ■ Countertops, Top South ■ Tile installation, Bradley Wade ■ Recessed pulls, Hafele ■ Faucet, Grohe from Ferguson Enterprises ■ Appliances, Frigidaire ■ Tile, Daltile ■ Track lighting, Juno ■ Sink, Blanco ■ Soap dispenser, Kohler