



CURL MEETS BOY

When Carmen Vona, designer of Carmana Designs in Philadelphia, sat down to sketch this kitchen, his prospective client had one request: curves. "We started drawing it, he's throwing ideas at me, and he's saying, 'Put in more curves, more curves,'" Vona says. For two or three hours, the two men hung out and sketched, adding a curved bar, LEFT, and a concave pantry, BELOW. "By the time I was done drawing it," he says, "I wanted to build it." Vona's eye for detail extends even to custom pulls.

REAL KITCHENS HAVE CURVES

A SLEEK AND SEXY KITCHEN HEATS UP IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

By Emily McManus



ONE STEP BEYOND

It took seven or eight tries to get the cabinets the color the client wanted, Vona says: "He appreciates the attention to detail, and that's why we get along." The stairs to the second floor, ABOVE, caught their eyes next. "They were in oak, and we wanted to do maple. We ended up ripping the steps out, and I designed new stairs," Vona says. But it was all worth it: "People take a step back when they see it. Everybody who walks in it knows that this kitchen is special. It looks like it grew out of the space."

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