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Mid-Century Style Meets Modern Function in this *Custom Kitchen*

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Suppose you have the chance to build your dream home, but no one understands your vision or carries the materials you want. That was the challenge for this Taylor Mill homeowner and interior designer when she planned her mid-century home. “I had my own business in interior design and both of my boys live in authentic mid-century homes, one in Texas and one in Michigan and I helped them with their homes. I had a very specific vision for what I wanted in my home,” she said.

Gerdes Custom Builders served as the architect, shaping the mid-century elements the homeowner wanted. “George Gerdes Jr. was great to work with,” she explained. “I had originally gone with someone else for the kitchen, but the pricing was out of this world and then George suggested I contact Wayne at



Custom wall paper embraces cabinet color

W.Stephens Cabinetry. He was terrific to work with. He let me do what I wanted to do and he encouraged me.”

HOW WAS W.STEPHENS CABINETRY ABLE TO HELP BRING THAT STYLE INTO THE KITCHEN? “It was a little challenging at first,” she shared, “because most of the people in this area go with a traditional or transitional style -- but Wayne worked with me. I had ideas in my head, and I knew what I was looking for.”

The homeowner combined different colored cabinets from Koch Cabinets’ Wynnbrooke American Collection, blending grey and light oak to create a focal point in the kitchen. Even bolder colors were chosen for the bathroom and lower level bar.

“I was very sure I only wanted this single line of cabinetry in the kitchen,” she shared. “Wayne also helped me to find this range hood having seen it somewhere – it’s from Zepher. It just pulls out and you can use the fan or the lights. I just love it! Nobody even notices it and I like it much better than filling up the whole wall with a hood.”

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR KITCHEN? “I love the overall look – I’m super happy with that,” shared the homeowner. “I have a lot of cabinet space. Even though it doesn’t look like I do, because I go all the way to the ceiling on both sides, that affords a lot of storage. I also have a huge pantry. The island is off center. A lot of the people that worked here were uncomfortable with the fact that it was not symmetrical. But there is thought put into that. It’s not hap hazard. The island is off center to allow room for the table and when I expand it, I can still put a tremendous amount of people around it.”

Bathroom cabinets, also supplied by W.Stephens Cabinetry, reflect her love of color and playful design. “I like color and I like fun,” she remarked. “That to me is just fun. People tend to get stuck on everything has to be neutral because you may get tired of it. I have always been in favor of color and I like the color green. You can do things with pops of color.”

When you have a dream and a vision for your home, don’t give up. Seek out the builder and a cabinetry supplier who have the design skills and the desire to work with you—that’s how you make your vision real.

For information about designing your dream kitchen contact W.Stephens Cabinetry at 859-331-8100 or visit their showroom at: 2497 Dixie Highway, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017 or on-line at Wstephens.com.

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