

Hello, San Francisco! This season, we landed in one of the hottest real estate markets in the country. We instated the traditional *Brother vs. Brother* rules: We each buy, renovate, and sell a property, and the brother with the biggest net profit wins, with all proceeds going to charity. This time around, we added an extra layer to our brotherly competition. Because houses sell so quickly in the Bay Area, we bought ours online, sight unseen—unprecedented craziness for *Brother vs. Brother*!

For our second challenge of Season 6, we renovated our respective kitchen and dining areas. Read on to learn about our inspiration and the design details we're particularly proud of.

DREW'S CANYON HOUSE

My California modern ranch vibe is in full effect, from top to bottom! I lit things up with higher ceilings, an additional skylight, and a bigger window peeking into the backyard, all of which maximize the available natural light. And once the wide-plank flooring was installed over a solid new subfloor, it was time to focus on the design details.

DREW'S INSPIRATION



Family-friendly • Inviting • California-cool • Light • Organic • Modern

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DREW'S DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

⇒ Table Talk

My house's setup calls for a large dining table that straddles the kitchen and living areas. This [Brayden Studio masterpiece](#) is completely handcrafted, with a weighted concrete top and gorgeous wood detail underneath. The only people who could possibly love it more than I do? The lucky family that will eat here every night!



⇒ Kitchen Bling

The kitchen got some extra dazzle with a pair of glass pendants suspended over the island and a suite of shiny new appliances. (We ended up blending the refrigerator door into the cabinets with a matching wood panel.) I also opted for quartz countertops instead of marble—it's just as beautiful and half the price!



⇒ **Bold Backsplash**

The backsplash framing the kitchen window is made of olivine—it's one of the most common minerals on earth but looks incredibly special when turned into glossy tiles. Meanwhile, the floating shelves showcase a collection of kitchen wares and decor that have a fittingly earthy feel.



TEAM DREW

- **Local construction support:** Jason Bliss & Scott Bliss of [Benchmark Construction](#)
 - **Local design support:** Laura Martin Bovard of [LMB Interiors](#)
 - **Electrician:** Darryl Haber
 - **Countertop specialist:** Cesar Lopez at [Bay Countertops](#)
 - **Tile:** [Fireclay Tile](#)
 - **Cabinets:** [Gilmans Kitchens & Bath](#)
 - **Kitchen sink, faucet, and door hardware:** [Belmont Hardware](#)
 - **Window and doors:** [Dolan's Lumber](#)
 - **Skylight:** [Royalite](#)
 - **Appliances:** [Friedmans Appliance](#)
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JONATHAN'S HILLTOP HOUSE

Not to sound dramatic, but this is one of the best kitchen renos I've done...*ever*. And that's, in part, because it's one of the biggest! We flipped the living room and kitchen areas—which itself was no small feat—then completely removed the tiny bathroom and created a spacious powder room out of the front hallway closet. Throughout the entire space, I continued my eco-chic theme.

JONATHAN'S INSPIRATION



Modern • Eco-chic • Sleek • Natural • Sustainable • Sophisticated

JONATHAN'S BEFORE & AFTER

JONATHAN'S DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

→ "Poplar" Mechanics

Remember my stunning [living wall](#) from the living room? Well, once again, I brought the outside in —this time in the form of a bark-clad wall from [Bark House](#). This innovative feature takes eco-chic to a whole new level: The bark is stripped right off the tree, then flattened into panels and kiln-dried before being installed. It sounds pretty simple, but the Bark House crew describes the bark-shaving process as "surgical" and the perfect poplars as "elusive." (Check out a play-by-play of one of their poplar adventures [here](#).)



⇒ Kitchen Trio

What's black and white and wood all over? This slick kitchen. I had a very specific vision for this space, and it combined premium quartz countertops—the shades are Arctic White and Concerto—with dark matte cabinets and a sustainable bamboo backsplash from [Gilmans Kitchen & Baths](#). The finishing touch: contrasting graphic [counter stools](#) to gaze out at that million-dollar view.



⇒ The Not-So-Little Prints

Transforming the hallway closet into a powder room allowed me to turn this floor's original bathroom into bonus kitchen footage. It also gave me an opportunity to use this bold patterned wallpaper, which just so happens to be called "Drawn from Nature." It was meant to be!



TEAM JONATHAN

- ⇒ **Local construction support:** Bob McLaughlin of [McLaughlin Renovations](#)
- ⇒ **Local design support:** Pamela Lin of [Urbanism Designs](#)
- ⇒ **Plumber:** Roberto Carriedo
- ⇒ **Cabinet specialist:** Joyce Van Den Dungen Bille at [Bay Countertops](#)
- ⇒ **Sewer line specialist:** Michael Neal
- ⇒ **Bark wall:** [Bark House](#)
- ⇒ **Kitchen backsplash and powder room floor tile:** [Fireclay Tile](#)
- ⇒ **Sinks, faucets, toilet, and door hardware:** [Belmont Hardware](#)
- ⇒ **Appliances:** [Friedmans Appliance](#)
- ⇒ **Windows and doors:** [Economy Lumber](#)