



This South Florida modern kitchen for a sophisticated European couple offers an abundance of refined eye candy and delightful surprises within a clutter-free, airy atmosphere.

The kitchen, created by Jim Dove of Jim Dove Design Studios, has plenty of European pizzazz, with many of the space's elements imported from Italy. The beautiful white and warm gray are accentuated with natural wood and a multitude of stunning design features. All the cabinets are touch latch, which means no hardware for a clean, sleek look. The beautiful warm and contemporary glass cabinets are Italian, cut out and set into the wall with delicate and subtly etched tropical flowers. "It's just like art on the wall," says Jim. "The framed pieces become elements—cabinetry as art. What I like about modern design is that you can be a little more adventurous."

The unique island has a prep sink and an induction cooktop flush with the countertop, enabling it to meld faultlessly into the island top. The eating table, surrounded by classic mid-century modern chairs, offers an easy transition from prep to dining. Surprise hidden pocket doors on either side of the dining room entrance give way to a breakfast bar and drinks bar, allowing the kitchen to stay clutter-free and well ordered.

Multiple focal points encourage the eye to sweep the room, capturing an exciting element in numerous areas. Undeniably, one of the most eye-catching

visuals in the room is the fantastic cloud-like Italian Artemide light fixture that floats over both the island and the dining table. The seven-foot sculptural fixture with its bright LED lighting is a stunning piece of artwork that is also functional. Additional focal points include the unique and very European Italian glass cabinetry, the beautiful nearby limestone floor, and the wide-plank European white oak flooring in the kitchen.

"You want the eye to travel—you don't want to come in and see one thing," says Jim. "There isn't one point where you stop and say, 'This is it.' A space is a whole; it's not just one point. The focal point is a bit old-fashioned in designing a space. The hood is usually the focal point, but that's not what this room is about. The whole room is working together. This kitchen is not a typical kitchen; everything in it is unique."

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