

# My Kitchen – Part 2

Yesterday, I visited the home of a friend who is an interior designer with a contemporary, minimalist style. I was amazed that she lives with absolutely no clutter. Nothing. Granted, we have vastly different lifestyles but when I came home, I felt my home was cluttered.

Isn't it interesting how different we are and how we live?

Anyway, back to the kitchen. Welcome to Part 2. If you missed Part 1, please click [here](#).

**Baking/Prep section:**



In the baking/prepping section, the retractable shelf for the mixer and food processor provides additional workspace. Equipped with their own electric outlet, these appliances can be pulled out when in use and tucked away later. All bowls and baking items (flour, baking powder, etc.) are stored in cabinets nearby.



Utilizing the 4" toe kick under the kitchen island, a collapsible stool is hidden in that dead space. This stool was used ALL the time when the children were my little baking helpers.



The [Step-Fix](#) collapsible stool is made in Germany by Hailo. This could also easily fit into a drawer and I believe it's less than \$50.





The double Dacor ovens allow baking choices from pure convection to regular baking. We tend to use the upper oven much more than the lower one, but it's nice to have an

additional oven on hand, especially during the holidays.

It's frustrating to be in a kitchen and lack electrical outlets. I made sure this didn't happen by adding a plug strip under the large kitchen windowsills.



We have three refrigerator sections. The side-by-side [SubZero](#) refrigerator and freezer are fabulous. They provide more than enough storage and refrigeration for our family of 5. [Grizzly Welding](#) made the iron door pulls.



Double drawers (also made by SubZero) were initially installed for everything and anything child related. The drawers provided easy access to snacks and drinks. The 3rd refrigerator is the glass front wine unit by [U-Line](#).





### **Dining and everything else:**

The island in the center of the kitchen is very large and serves as the hub for all family activity-baking, cooking, school projects, sewing, dining, and entertaining.



In the island is an additional sink ~~very handy and convenient for fruits and vegetables coming out of the freezer. Our reverse osmosis system is located here too, steps from the ice maker.





Two warming drawers are also housed in the island, on the range side.

In the center of the island is a pastry shelf, which helps break up the expanse of the island. I also like to seasonally decorate it, but it can also be used while entertaining for desserts or other items.







The goal was to create a high functioning kitchen in a classic design that would look like it had always been there. I love this room as it truly is where everyone gathers.

I hope you enjoyed the kitchen tour. I am now off to declutter.

*Mary*

Dacor Double Ovens

Dacor Warming Drawers

Kinetico R-0 system

Stepfix by Hailo

U-Line wine refrigerator

Wedgewood china tea cups/pot

Subzero Refrigerator/Freezer and Drawers