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## KITCHEN & BATH DESIGN



### MODERN MUSE

DESIGNED BY GLEN LUMIA, GUSTAVE BRUNET AND JORGE ALARCON, CREATIVE DESIGN, NORTHVALE

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Modern harmony best describes this Franklin Lakes kitchen, says Glen Lumia of Creative Design. Contemporary with clean lines, the home was built in the early 1980s. But, with a need to put their own stamp on the kitchen, the current homeowners decided that an overall remodel of the kitchen was a top priority. It lacked "personality," says Lumia of the room's basic design scheme and outdated peninsula. Lumia's client was clear: The design of the kitchen had to be fresh and innovative and invoke the feeling of modern elegance. Central to Lumia's plan was the creation of a large extended radius island topped in Tropical Brown granite and anchored by a stainless steel pedestal. The result: a perfect spot for family dinners. The addition of the center island gives the homeowners an open and airy room where they can take advantage of their nearby outdoor entertaining space, says Lumia. Other special features of the room include the stainless steel Zephyr Firenze range hood and glass tile backsplash, glass mullioned door cabinets with frosted glass inserts and disc pendant lighting. ➤



## SPACIOUS SPLENDOR

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Most kitchen designers will admit that often with great challenge comes an even greater creation. Such was the case of this Old Tappan kitchen.

Placing entertaining friends and family on the top of their “must-do” list, the homeowners wanted a well-designed kitchen area that was aesthetically beautiful yet highly functional. In order to create a seamless sense of free-flow in the room, an awkward angled wall was removed, which resulted in more space along the range wall. A special feature of the kitchen is its new 60-inch imported stone hood that now anchors the room. The custom cabinetry features solid cherry mitered doors finished in a black glaze with sporting mullion doors with antique glass. An 11-foot island of imported granite with prep sink, wine refrigerator and seating for three allows the homeowners to spend hours in the kitchen with plenty of space to maneuver while preparing for an intimate family meal or a dinner for 12. A marble floor, drop tray ceiling with crown molding and cove and pendant lighting add the finishing touches to this room that the homeowners call “a masterpiece.”





## ARTISTIC AURA

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MURALIST: MARK FOWLER, MARTIN & FOWLER STUDIOS, RIDGEWOOD

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Open, airy and palatial. It's like being in a luxurious hotel in Europe, proclaims the Ridgewood couple of their newly renovated master bath.

Truly a visual feast for the eye, the bath is a picture of timeless Old World elegance. Giving Glen Lumia of Creative Design "free rein" to create a one-of-a-kind oasis within the existing footprint, the homeowners watched in fascination as fantasy soon became reality. Steeped in European elegance that one would find at a top-notch Relais & Châteaux property, the bath features furniture-like cabinetry finished in hues of gold, cream and white. An oversized soaking tub is surrounded by Mark Fowler's framed trompe l'oeil murals of a bucolic pastoral scene, while an elliptical ceiling, hand-painted with soft billowing clouds, is home to a glittering chandelier. Gold fixtures, including a gorgeous swan-like tub filler, marble countertops and vintage sconces, add classic style to the room that the homeowners feel is truly a work of art. >