Warming up the kitchen in East Hampton

When designer and home stager Donna Dazzo purchased her home in East Hampton, the kitchen’s white cabinets, white flooring, white walls and white appliances didn’t reflect her style. “I wanted it to be up-to-date and to add warmth,” said Dazzo, 54, owner of Designed to Appeal in East Hampton and Manhattan. For the makeover, she wanted the color scheme in the living room to flow seamlessly into the kitchen. She achieved this by adding green cabinetry and opting for a faux finish on the walls.

Total: With installation $31,765.

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The kitchen in the East Hampton home of designer Donna M. Dazzo, president and principal designer for Designed to Appeal of East Hampton and Manhattan, was a vision in white when she purchased the house. It didn’t reflect her tastes. Credit: Handout
Designer Donna Dazzo went for the warmth of green cabinetry for the makeover of her East Hampton home. She used inspirations from European vacations to liven up the 15-by-15-foot kitchen.

Table and chairs. Existing

The kitchen's walls are sparsely decorated, with plates and a clock. Homeowner Donna Dazzo said she chose not to use window treatments because of the great views from the windows. Instead, she used the space around the window to display some of the plates she has collected in her travels. (Nov. 15, 2009) Credit: Gordon M. Grant
The cabinetry is a green because designer Donna Dazzo says she likes that effect in the room. 
Cabinets. Lowe's of Bay Shore, $10,020.
Cabinet hardware. Expo Design Center, $297. (Nov. 15, 2009) Credit: Gordon M. Grant

A countertop art piece accents the terracotta backsplash. The clay-toned tiles with the insets are repeated throughout the kitchen.
Backsplash. From Lowe's of Bay Shore, $502. (Nov. 15, 2009) Credit: Gordon M. Grant
The center counter has a butcher block top, and plenty of space for storage. 

Butcher block top. From Riverhead Building Supply in East Hampton. $206

Flooring and materials. From Lowe’s in Bar Shore, $1,161. (Nov. 15, 2009) Credit: Gordon M. Grant


Hutch. Existing. 

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The dark granite counter has deeper terra-cotta tones.

Countertop. From Red Hook Marble, Brooklyn. (Nov. 15, 2009) Credit: Gordon M. Grant

The completed kitchen. The under-cabinet lighting gives a warm glow to the room, highlighting the dark countertop.

Paint. Done by Gerri Wilson, Faux Finishes of Southampton. $1,045.