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It is hard not to stare open-mouthed when you walk into the 200-square-foot kitchen of professional chefs Stephen and Trudy Ainge of Southampton. No matter what you expect, you won't get over the size.

It's small, even by an amateur cook's standards.

"The problem with so many home cooks is that they go overboard," says Stephen Ainge, 48, who cooks for clients in Manhattan and the Hamptons.

The room started as a bedroom, then was turned into a dining room. Then it became a kitchen. "Many home kitchens are too large," Ainge adds. "They don't need all the professional-grade appliances, and they try

to make things that are too elaborate."

The Ainges, who are from Australia and met in cooking school — "It was lust at first sight," Trudy, 45, says — agree that cooking should be simple. So when they designed the kitchen, with assistance from Arthur Tanturri of Chelsea Fine Custom Kitchens in Manhattan, they went for low-maintenance, high-performance appliances.

CAESARSTONE COUNTER, \$8,000

A This composite material is easy to keep clean and discourages bacteria. From Style Marble & Tile, Hampton Bays.

CABINETRY, \$40,000

"It was incredible how fast they worked," says **B** Trudy Ainge, who added that workers started at 9 a.m. and finished by 9

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Total: \$74,765

Includes \$7,000 in construction fees

p.m. From Chelsea Kitchens.

ELKAY SINK AND DORNBRACHT FAUCET, \$2,228

Trudy Ainge recommends **C** having a large sink with a drainboard area. "I don't see any use for the small bar sinks that every designer or architect is encouraging every homeowner to install," Stephen Ainge says. From Chelsea Kitchens.

DISH-DRAINING AREA, included in sink cost

D Negates the need for a messy drainboard, from Chelsea.

WOLF RANGE, \$4,401

E From Bob Stevens Appliances & TV in Westhampton Beach.

WOLF INDUCTION COOKTOP, \$2,678

F "It heats up in seconds and cools down immediately," says Trudy Ainge. From Bob Stevens.

WOLF GAS BURNER, \$1,086

G This gas burner was added for wok cooking. From Bob Stevens.

WOLF HOOD, \$1,331

H From Bob Stevens.

THERMADOR REFRIGERATOR, \$3,850, not pictured
From Bob Stevens.

SUB-ZERO FREEZER DRAWERS, \$3,012

From Bob Stevens.

LARGE, PULLOUT LAZY SUSAN, included in cabinetry costs

This item is a must, says Trudy Ainge. She can easily get to whatever she needs and nothing gets hidden away.

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PANTRY AREA, included in cost of cabinets

ASKO TWO-DRAWER DISHWASHER, \$1,179, not pictured
From Bob Stevens.

GAMMAPAR ACRYLIC WOOD COMPOSITE FLOORING, \$17 per square foot, including

J installation (done five years ago as part of original project)
The Ainges say they wanted a sustainable product that also looks nice. From Cor Products of New Jersey.

Before ...



After ...

