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Granite kitchen portrays oceanic colors

The kitchen of a private residence in Colorado was recently designed with an open concept in order to show off surrounding views, and granite countertops added to the overall design of the space

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"The intent of the home was to take advantage of the 360-degree view with mountains to the back and a valley view from the front," explained homeowner Kathy Mutz. "We wanted

a roomy kitchen where more than one cook could be in there at a time and have space to move around. We also wanted the room to be adjacent to the great room and bar area where we entertain a lot."



After considering several materials, Delirium granite, which was fabricated and installed by Planet Granite of Colorado Springs, CO, was ultimately selected for the countertops.



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Before deciding on a specific material, the homeowner considered several stone options. "I learned all about the surfaces as far as maintenance and durability were concerned," she said, adding that she kept finding herself drawn to granite.

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Mutz also liked the fact that the material was somewhat subtle. "It gave such a Monet impression," she said. "It was so blended and not a real strong pattern. You get so much more when you look at this slab than you do when you see a typical patterned granite."

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granite was fabricated for a bar top, which is adjacent to the kitchen area.

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According to the homeowner, a curved granite piece that was used for a built-in desk area cracked substantially, and had to be replaced. "Planet Granite was so great in finding another piece to match perfectly," she said. "A lot of the Delirium slabs had a black streak in them, and we didn't want that. They found us a great match and installed it with no problem."

Due to Planet Granite's excellent service, the Mutz' also selected granite for a bar top for their finished basement, which the company was installing at the time of press.

The homeowners purchased the lot in April of 2006 and moved into the home in February of 2007. Mutz said that the stone installation took less than two days. "The whole thing went together pretty quickly," she added. "We absolutely love it. Everything was exactly how we pictured it to turn out. The materials came together perfectly with the stainless steel appliances, which pick up the colors so well. We have gotten so many compliments on the home." □