



THE FACT FILE

ARCHITECT Catherine Truman Architects
CONTRACTOR Robertson Design Build
APPLIANCES Bosch dishwasher; Miele gas cooktop, convection

oven, and microwave; Sub-Zero refrigerator drawers, freezer drawers, and wine chiller, all Yale Appliance + Lighting

BACKSPLASH/COUNTERTOP Stainless steel, All Metal Fabricators
CABINETRY Custom, Walter Lane Cabinet-maker

ISLAND Caesarstone quartz
FLOORING Oak

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For details and retail locations, see "Resources."

LOCATION
 CAMBRIDGE
SIZE
 215 SQUARE FEET

Let the space speak for itself

A frequent dinner-party host, the owner of this 1,300-square-foot Cambridge loft dreamed of a show-piece kitchen with ample space for entertaining. For design help, the client enlisted architect Catherine Truman, whose first order of business was moving the kitchen—a small room that shared a wall with the entryway—to the center of the main living space. "We wanted a better entry sequence," she explains.

The new kitchen, surrounded by painted brick walls and large windows on three sides, features simple white cabinetry, a pared-down stainless steel backsplash, and a 10-foot island, wrapped in Caesarstone quartz. In keeping with the minimalist vibe, Truman decided against an exposed hood for the five-burner Miele range across from the island—itself outfitted with a party-ready wine fridge—opting for an inconspicuous built-in model instead. Similarly, she installed under-counter Sub-Zero freezer and fridge drawers, which eliminate the need for a full-height refrigerator while conserving previous countertop space. "We wanted to create a simple aesthetic with new pieces that would allow the character of the beams and brick to really sing," Truman says.



▲ Installed over the original concrete, the new oak flooring helps soundproof the loft. Truman redesigned the ductwork in the ceiling, letting the natural beauty of the timber take center stage.

