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When Willis Flood wants to relax, he cooks for his wife, Michelle, two grown daughters, and his friends. NKBA member Helena Steele and her San Francisco firm, Golden Gate Kitchens, gave him a new 840-square-foot kitchen and family room. A stepped-down peninsula serves as cooking center and buffet bar. A curved section of the peninsula rises into a handsome granite countertop. The polished stone poses a striking contrast to the gray-tinted concrete countertop. Bright blue halogen Murano-glass pendants hang from a track over the work area.

—Joanne Still

LEFT: Cherry wood custom cabinets were stained a warm cinnamon, while sleek nickel door pulls give them a cool, contemporary style. BELOW LEFT: Wavy aluminum-finish backsplash tiles pull together the other metal finishes in the room. BELOW: Because Willis

Flood loves the role of chef, the designer created a cooking zone that places everything he needs within arm's reach. Pullouts on both sides of the cooktop hold oils, vinegars and spices. The drawers underneath the burners store pots and pans.



