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GRANDKIDS COMING THROUGH

Now that it's been made over, moving through this kitchen is a snap

THE GRANDKIDS LOVE THEIR GRANDPARENTS' remodeled kitchen in La Jolla. Now they can easily sneak back inside the kitchen through the large sliding glass doors, grab one of grandma's freshly baked cookies and run back out to play on one — or both — of the patios.

The six grandkids, ages 3 through 10, may not realize how much easier it is to navigate the kitchen since the contractors, BMW Builders, removed walls, but grandma and grandpa are thrilled with the openness achieved by getting rid of the dividing wall between the kitchen and dining room. Plus, now that the opposite wall is gone, too, there's a cozy nook for enjoying breakfast or reading the morning news.

The walls may have been subtracted, but a raised boxed-frame ceiling with skylight was added — bringing in a flood of natural light during the day — great for these homeowners who love to cook (hence the Wolf range) for their family and friends.

A new pantry takes care of many storage needs and houses an espresso machine, Miele speed oven and Sub-Zero wine refrigerator, too.

The best perk (besides grandma's cookies, of course) is that, with the dividing wall gone, the kitchen got a new focal point — an ocean view. ♦

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A remodeled kitchen in La Jolla maximizes space and is practical for homeowners with a large family who love to entertain. The neutral kitchen was enhanced with maple Shaker-style cabinetry, a mix of stainless-steel, granite and butcher-block countertops and a pop of mauve in cushions and an area rug.