

# Cabinet appointments

Bright hues and novel materials are now on the agenda for cabinet design

Consider the kitchen cabinet. So often it's either stained brown or painted white. But today's homeowners want more zip to go with a rapidly expanding spectrum of counter choices and appliances, so cabinet design is getting more adventurous. Architects and designers are using vivid colors, sculptural shapes, and inventive finishing techniques to turn cabinets into memorable kitchen furniture.



The red corner spice cupboard above the range combines artistry with practicality.

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#### CORNERING COLOR ▶

The rich, deep green of the glass-fronted cabinets, the four-square paint detail on each drawer front, and the golden glow of the maple counters and backsplash turn the corner of this kitchen into a dramatic display area for crockery and cookbooks.

**DESIGN:** Architect Robert Nebolon, Berkeley

**FABRICATOR:** Tharp-Hamilton Woodworking, Berkeley

**PAINT:** Lemon Peel Yellow (A-84), Kumquat Orange (B-93), Pageant Purple (C-89), Geranium Red (C-120), and Green Slate (F-130) by Fuller-O'Brien (800/338-8084)

**COUNTERS AND BACKSPLASH:** Maple butcher block

#### ◀ STORAGE AS STILL LIFE

An artful composition in mixed media—marble, stainless steel, stained wood, colored plaster, and custom-cast concrete—turns this cabinet and cooking center into a piece of sculpture. Note how the cantilevered stainless steel lip extends and slightly recesses into the cabinet door that's notched into the marble slab. The vivid red door is not flat: instead, it has an L-shaped profile that wraps a spice rack near the gas cooktop.

**DESIGN:** Cheng Design, Berkeley

**MARBLE:** Fossil Black

**CABINET:** Red-stained ash

**FABRICATOR:** William Guba & Associates, Oakland, California

**BACKSPLASH:** Andrus Sheet Metal, Richmond, California



Even the drawer pulls (by Exxel Decorative Hardware) coordinate with the cabinet paint scheme in this vibrant kitchen.

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