

# Step-Saving Sensation

Streamlined like a galley, but more open for better traffic flow

**WISH LIST**

- ✓ Create an efficient work triangle
- ✓ Widen the aisle for two cooks
- ✓ Open space up to family room

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'VE GOT a gorgeous piece of property but a lackluster kitchen that doesn't take advantage of its site? You hire a designer to open the house and renovate the kitchen. Such was the scenario for a family in Beverly Hills, California. They hired designer Lori Gilder of Interior Makeovers Inc. She opened the entire

back through French doors to the yard and removed interior walls to open the kitchen to a family room. "My clients love to cook and entertain, so the goal was to make this space a hub of activity," Gilder says. She designed a 4' x 9' island at the room's center with the sink placed close to the refrigerator, cooktop and ovens, and a wine refrigerator on its other side, close to the dining table. "It functions like a galley kitchen yet is open and more spacious with 42" of aisle space between the counters for good traffic flow," Gilder says. The look reflects a contemporary sensibility with white Shaker-style cabinets, CaesarStone countertops with a hint of blue and French brick tiles for added texture. So the cabinets wouldn't overwhelm the space, Gilder didn't run them to the ceiling.

**The Basics**

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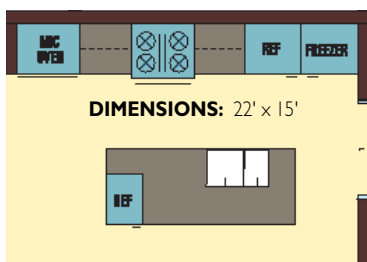
**» SPECIAL FEATURES:**

Linear island with room for food prepping; Good circulation around the island and to the outdoors, dining space and family room; Brick-looking subway tiles that contrast with the countertops, cabinets and equipment

**PRODUCTS USED:**

- Countertops: CaesarStone, Lagos Blue
- Cabinets: Custom designed, with beadboard at ends
- Hardware: Liz's Antique Hardware
- Sink: Franke
- Refrigerator, wine refrigerator: Sub-Zero
- Cooktop, wall ovens: Thermador
- Microwave: Sharp
- Floor: Hardwood, stained to match existing boards
- Hood: Best
- Tiles: Stacked bricks in a subway pattern, from Ann Sacks

floor plan



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**OLD BECOMES NEW** This classic galley-style kitchen functions efficiently and opens to both the yard and a family room.