

Room Service

KITCHENS

Top designers share simple tips and tricks for turning a compact space into your ideal kitchen.

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Drawer handles add visual noise. The judicious use of **handle-less, soft-closing drawers** can de-clutter a kitchen.

Understated millwork allows the natural exuberance of this granite backsplash to shine.

The kitchen is built around a rare **floor-to-ceiling window**, which gives the modest cooking area a sense of expansiveness.

Think of your faucet as a jewel on the island. A **sculptural faucet** such as this option, the Cube by Nobili, anchors the space and creates depth.

LIGHT FANTASTIC

For this 240-square-foot kitchen in the Patina penthouse, Colin Melnechuk and Scott Trepp, of **Trepp Design**, started with a handful of materials. "We use them in a controlled way to unite the area."

Use an **aluminum kick plate** to keep the golden ash floor and oak cabinetry from melding into each other.