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Modern style with a
colorful twist energizes
an expanded kitchen.

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Kate and Bruce Snyder's newly remodeled kitchen features custom cabinetry built out of low-cost medium-density fiberboard for a fresh, modern look.



THIS PHOTO: Inspired by a rental home's cabinets in a similar color, the couple decided to use what Kate calls "crazy blazing orange" on their own cabinets. **OPPOSITE LEFT:** A sleek pull-down faucet continues the kitchen's modern vibe. **OPPOSITE RIGHT:** Walnut-tone countertops enhance the orange cabinetry. Rather than knobs, holes cut and fitted with sections of steel pipe provide a streamlined look.



colorful cabinet ideas

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follow your instincts. That's what

Kate and Bruce Snyder did when they traded in big-city life to move to Maine to raise their son. Instinct kicked in again when they bought a nothing-special 1930s “modern New England” rental house in a charming beach community in South Portland—even though it meant a whole-house remodel.

“We started from scratch,” architect Caleb Johnson says. To create one big, open space with the kitchen at its center, two walls separating the dining and living room from the kitchen were removed. A 13×8-foot addition increased the living space, and glass doors make the deck accessible from the kitchen. Anchoring the new layout is a roomy island. “Even though it takes up a lot of real estate, it’s one of my favorite parts of the kitchen,” Kate says.

To bring custom-built cabinetry in line with the budget, cabinets were constructed out of low-cost medium-density fiberboard. The cabinets on the range wall were painted an eye-opening orange. “Since it was just the one wall, we really could have some fun with it,” Kate says. The remaining cabinets

were painted a soft gray and topped with similar-tone countertops made from recycled paper. Classic white subway tile solidifies the simple look.

To stretch the budget, locally milled ash was used on the floor. The wood tone echoes the wood in support beams and columns in the kitchen.

The couple also cut costs by selecting moderately priced appliances, and Kate found the pendant lights by shopping online. The style was right and so was the price—only \$79 each.

The Snyders couldn’t be happier with the new layout and look of their kitchen. “It makes so much sense to have your home centered around the kitchen,” Kate says. “We live in here.” Of course, she knew all along it would be great. It was a gut instinct.

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about this makeover



OPPOSITE: Additional cabinets outside the main work zone are near a new walk-in pantry. The pantry gets a nostalgic look with a salvaged door that ties in with the kitchen's wood tones. **ABOVE:** Display shelves dress up the island end facing the living area. **RIGHT:** Kate fell in love with the simple no-fuss look of bulb-and-socket pendants that were expertly installed on the solid wood beams.



budget

Appliances

Dishwasher	959
Range	2,029
Refrigerator	1,499
Vent hood	329

Cabinetry

Cabinets	10,000
Hardware	375

Plumbing

Faucet	275
Sink	910

Surfaces

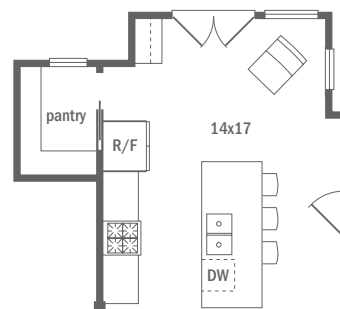
Countertops	3,500
Flooring	1,500
Paint	250
Tile	800

Miscellaneous

Lighting	237
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Total **\$22,663**

Costs do not include labor unless noted.



To create an open floor plan and accommodate a nearly 4×9-foot island, two walls were removed and the patio doors were added.

Maximize every inch of space and create a beverage zone so guests can serve themselves.

