



Designer Tatiana Machado-Rosas of Jackson Design and Remodeling chose warm tones and textures for this Tuscan-flavored kitchen. The homeowners' collection of colorful Italian pottery is displayed throughout the space.

KITCHEN REBOOT

A designer transforms a cook's space with a Tuscan touch

INTERIOR DESIGNER **TATIANA MACHADO-ROSAS** gave her clients a journey to the old country. No, she didn't buy them plane tickets. Instead, she remodeled their kitchen into a space that calls to mind a charming Italian farmhouse.

"The husband is of Italian heritage, and the couple share a love of his homeland," she says. "The new environment is evocative of Old World Tuscany, but with all the modern conveniences of contemporary life."

The kitchen's rustic mood was achieved by mixing wood with natural stone. Heavily grained hardwood flooring brings a foundation of rural authenticity to the space. Dark cherry-stained cabinets add depth and warmth. A generous-size slab of Mascarilla granite on the island makes a bold statement, which is complemented by a backsplash of neutral travertine. And a

wall area of stacked stone echoes the abundance of stacked stone on the home's exterior.

"Master craftsmen painstakingly hand placed each stone to dramatically convey the Old World authenticity the clients desired, while achieving visual harmony with the rest of the living space," the designer says.

Thoughtful attention was given to the importance of integrating the kitchen design with the rest of the family room area. While the kitchen beckons as a striking and warm focal point, it looks as though it has always belonged in the home.

"My clients can hardly wait to have their daughter, a professional chef, flourish her skills in their remodeled kitchen," Machado-Rosas says. ♦

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