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Exterior

HISTORIC VISION

This midcentury modern gem, built in 1955, is part of Englewood's Arapahoe Acres neighborhood, which was the brainchild of late, renowned Denver developer Edward Hawkins. The prolific builder took design cues from Frank Lloyd Wright and helped create the first post-World War II subdivision to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When Tom and Darice Henritze bought the home—known as the Sitterman House, after its original owners—in 2003, they opted to leave the front facade largely intact out of respect

for the historic value of the structure and the integrity of the neighborhood. (The inside? Updated and fully modernized from top to bottom.)

SUBTLE CHANGE

The only update the Henritzes made to the front exterior was to change the color of the panels to a primary palette—a nod to the geometric aesthetics of famous Dutch modernist painter Piet Mondrian. “We cleaned it up and added a little color,” Tom says. “We wanted to jazz it up a little.”

CURB APPEAL

The Henritzes brought on landscape architect Ariel Gelman of Connect One Design to help them spruce up the front yard with ornamental grasses to soften the angularity of the house. Gelman's work extends to the backyard, where he sparked an epic yard transformation, turning the area into an outdoor lounge and entertaining space.

PROS Original builder: Edward Hawkins
Landscape architect: Ariel Gelman, Connect One Design



Modern Kitchen

LIGHTEN UP

“This kitchen is modern and minimal with clean lines,” says architect Caroline Wilding, currently a principal at Construct Design and Architecture, who completed this Hilltop kitchen renovation in 2014 for Design Platform. The owners asked for a unified color scheme that would evoke a cool Hollywood glam (played up by the edgy larger-than-life portraits). Wilding delivered with dark-stained oak cabinets, glossy white surfaces, and gray ceramic floor tiles—a color story that's carried throughout the house.

HIDDEN SOLUTIONS

The kitchen's backbone—what appears to be a block element consisting of cabinetry, appliances, and the cooktop—is actually a front for a butler's pantry directly behind it. Wilding designed the storage and staging space—complete with countertops, extra cabinets, and various appliances—to accommodate the homeowners' many dinner parties. “Everyone ends up in the kitchen at the end of the party anyway; this allows you to hang out there while not having everything pile up,” she says, pointing out that it works for both catering prep and dirty dishes. “It keeps the main kitchen not looking cluttered and makes the open concept function better.”

PROS Architect: Caroline Wilding, Design Platform LLC
Builder: Dan Martell, Design Platform LLC