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THE STORAGE

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ARTISTICALLY INSPIRED

What started out as a typically dreary 1950s kitchen became a livable custom work of art when homeowners Mark and Christy Pletcher got their hands on it and brought Design Platform on board to make it happen.

It began when a First Friday event turned Christy's eyes toward the cheery, retro style works of artist Tandi Venter. Tandi's creations are an offshoot of her influence, modernist master of woodland whimsy, Charlie Harper. And so when it came time to remodel, Mark and Christy turned to Tandi's asymmetrical shapes and the paintings Christy purchased for inspiration.

To get started, Jonas DiCaprio of Design Platform asked Tandi to be involved in the design process. She gladly obliged but with one rule—no murals. Three heads are better than one, and with Design Platform, the Pletchers wound up using Tandi's designs to adorn a reclaimed wood panel, which serves as the kitchen's centerpiece. Tandi also created a separate work for the upper cabinets designed and built by AvenueTwo. Her piece was etched and screened to give the art depth and lift doors were used so the art would be visible while the doors were open.

These custom pieces were incorporated into the kitchen's budget by simplifying the lower cabinets. The Pletchers went with IKEA lowers that were wrapped and end paneled with custom Rift White Oak. Adding Sugatsune pulls made for a custom look to the IKEA fronts. Now, instead of a dismal galley or cookie cutter concept, Mark and Christy have a warm, one-of-a-kind place to drink their coffee every sunny morning—all thanks to a collaboration with Design Platform and Tandi. +designplatformllc.com • +tandiventer.com



SUSTAINABLE CUSTOM



MORE THAN JUST GREAT DESIGN

Green cabinets, while they might not match your kitchen decor, hopefully they match your lifestyle. Keeping true to its roots, a small cabinet shop, DeWils prides itself on being a trustworthy company dedicated to the environment. Sure, lots of companies boast being green, but what eco-friendly products are being used and does their commitment span from production to distribution? DeWils uses wood from suppliers certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or the Sustainable Forestry Institute (SFI) and their plywood is low-formaldehyde or no urea added formaldehyde. Not only was DeWils the first cabinet company in the US to pass the formaldehyde emissions test required by Japan's Building Standard Law, they received the best score possible. The cabinetry finishes are low-VOC (volatile organic compound) and the DeWils hinge supplier is ISO 14001-certified. And it doesn't end there. DeWils meets the California CARB Compliance standards and since the 1980s DeWils has reduced emission at their Vancouver, Washington factory by 84%. From using recycled packaging to high-efficiency fluorescent bulbs to light their factories DeWils take environmental stewardship seriously. Give that a thought next time you open your kitchen cabinets. +dewils.com