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# Small, Segmented Kitchen Takes a Load Off



## BEFORE

This segmented Corona del Mar, CA kitchen was not conducive to entertaining for the clients, who had recently become empty nesters. The galley kitchen was very narrow with little work space, storage and seating.

## AFTER

The goal of this project for Dave Eslinger of Sea Pointe Construction in Irvine, CA was to create a great entertaining space and take advantage of the existing Southern California view, previously blocked from the segmented kitchen. However, in expanding the kitchen and integrating it into the living space, Eslinger faced a large challenge: To open up the kitchen, a load-bearing wall needed to be removed. To make the structural change, Eslinger had to expand and reconfigure the kitchen, opening it up to the living space. Another challenge was to provide additional storage within the kitchen and allow more seating. With the structural wall gone, Eslinger could add an oversized peninsula, which provided more prep space and seating. Additionally, he shortened a window in the kitchen to add wall space and raised the cabinets to ceiling height without getting in the way of the view. By cutting the home's interior slab to be level with the exterior, making the foundation flush, Eslinger was able to install La Cantina bi-fold doors that allowed for a smooth transition from the indoors to the outdoors, creating an indoor/outdoor feel.

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