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The pantry had only one wall of storage!

The most basic of basic cabinets—no knobs even.

Speckled brown counters didn’t exactly help the dreary room.

A kitchen ripe for a redo

This Nevada kitchen could best be described as... forgettable. That is, until a young family—with a passion for patterns—made it uniquely their own.

Photographs by David Tsay styled by Heather Bullard
When Linley and Streeter Hull found out they were expecting their first child three years ago, they knew it was time to ditch their tiny Las Vegas, NV, condo and head to bigger digs. But while their new house in nearby Summerlin gave them a lot more space, the kitchen was sorely lacking style. “The cabinets were orange brown; the speckled granite counters were just plain ugly; and the pantry was giant, but it was so poorly planned that it hardly had any storage,” Linley says. Armed with a Pinterest board of kitchen inspiration photos and a single request from Streeter—“No white cabinets”—Linley asked designer Rebecca Zajac to help her create a room that felt young and energetic. Barely two months after baby Lila was born, the family of three temporarily moved back into their still unsold condo while their kitchen was overhauled. To keep costs down, the Hulls didn’t change the original layout or rip out the cabinets. Instead they added new cabinet doors to the old boxes and painted them a steely gray that looks downright handsome against the tiled walls. “At the time, it felt crazy to start a reno with a 2-month-old,” Linley says. “But now there’s not a second when I don’t think, Worth it!”

**tile**
Since cabinets line most of the walls, Linley wanted to have fun with the remaining space. Her designer suggested these 8-inch-square cement tiles from Granada Tile, but rather than arranging them in the intended quatrefoil, she randomly broke up the pattern with solid white tiles to keep the bold repeat from dominating the limited wall space. A coat of concrete sealer helps protect them from splatters.

**floor**
“The old flooring had absolutely no character,” says Linley. So she replaced the porcelain tiles with hard-wearing 8-inch-wide laminate planks from Armstrong that look like reclaimed barnwood.

**island and stools**
The new 6-foot-by-8-foot island sits on the footprint of the old island, but with cabinets on three sides of the base, the storage in the room nearly doubled. Four slim wood-and-iron stools from Crate & Barrel tuck neatly into the recesses. For the island top and perimeter counters, Linley picked a durable gray-veined white quartz from Caesarstone. “Now I can actually see when there are crumbs to wipe up!” she says.
**Pendants**

“Every kitchen on my Pinterest board had globe pendants, so I knew they had to be a part of the design,” Linley says. These brass pendants with bronze accents from Circa Lighting mimic the cabinet color and hardware.

**Cabinets**

The Hulls kept the old cabinet boxes, outfitted them with new Shaker-style doors, and gave everything a coat of dark gray paint (Peppercorn by Sherwin-Williams). To keep the upper cabinets from feeling heavy, they added glass fronts to the pair flanking the range hood and painted the interiors bright white (Super White by Benjamin Moore). The brass knobs are from Rejuvenation.
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now get the look

cutting board
18”-diameter reclaimed teak cutting board, $88, shopterrain.com

faucet
Align 15½”-tall metal faucet in spot-resist stainless finish, $389, moen.com for stores

paint
Peppercorn by Sherwin-Williams

runner
Surya Jewel Tone 2'6" x 8' wool runner, $231, zincdoor.com

tiles
Badajoz 8" x 8" cement tiles in midnight and white, $10.50 per tile (4 shown), granadatile.com

stool
Origin Backless 24½”-tall teak and iron stool, $189, crateandbarrel.com

vase
Meadow 7”-tall porcelain vase in ivory, $40, roomandboard.com

knob
Ball 1¼”-diameter brass knob, $9, rejuvenation.com

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