



# STYLES BROCHURE

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## WHERE TO BEGIN?

So you've decided it's time to create your dream kitchen but you don't know where to begin. Don't worry it's easy and also the most enjoyable part of the project.

Create a kitchen wish list file. This will help you communicate clearly your wants and desires to your kitchen designer. Magazine cutouts, printed pictures from the internet, and the rough measurements of the existing space are all key components to the file. Samples of cabinet finishes, countertop materials, flooring, backsplash tiles, paint samples and any materials or images that are an inspiration for the vision will assist in creating a smooth design and renovation process.



## DESIGN

When first meeting with an AyA designer, he or she will tour with you through the showroom to further narrow down the choices. Typical considerations for the new kitchen include: What height cabinets are most suitable for the space? How are corners to be addressed? – Is a pie cut cabinet with a lazy susan or a magic blind corner cabinet more favourable? Is there ample space for an island or a peninsula? Is seating required in the kitchen? What type of style is being considered? Are you a consummate traditionalist, an urban modernist, or somewhere in between? The designer will then put together a proposal which includes the design drawings along with the quotation getting you steps closer to your dream kitchen.

## ABOUT AYA KITCHENS

The kitchen is today's living room - it's the heart of the home. At AyA we believe that a great kitchen starts with you.

Every AyA kitchen is designed and made just for you. Unlike other kitchen manufacturers we don't assemble from stock, we produce a unique kitchen for each and every customer. With AyA's mass customization approach, you get the best of both worlds - the personalization of a custom kitchen with the value and quality that comes from a 150,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art production facility.

AyA is committed to staying on the cutting edge of design and providing the best customer service experience possible. A lot of things have changed since AyA opened its doors back in 2001: technology, styles, materials, new locations and much more, but the one thing that never changes is our dedication to delivering exceptional value and customer service.

By combining old world craftsmanship and attention to detail with high tech manufacturing processes AyA offers innovative, quality cabinetry at competitive, manufacturer direct prices. Discover how AyA's incomparable selection of colours, styles and accessories can help you create your ultimate living space.

## ASK YOURSELF

Is there anything about the existing space that you will miss? You are renovating for a reason, but there may be some things that you still enjoy about your work space. Make sure to determine the main reason for renovation be it aesthetics or functionality to make sure that your new kitchen meets your expectations.

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Is the current eating space sufficient for your family's needs?
- Do you require more space than you have right now?
- Do you have enough storage space?
- Does the placement of your appliances make cooking efficient?
- Is there enough counter space?
- Does your kitchen require more than just cabinetry? ie - a desk for a computer
- How many people are typically in the kitchen at once?
- Are there any safety needs that should be considered for small children or others in your home?

## WORKING WITH A BUDGET

There are many items which need to be considered before undertaking a major home renovation. The cost of the cabinetry is typically only one component of the entire project. It is important to allocate your budget to all the various parts of the project which might also include: countertops, appliances, sink and faucet, flooring, lighting, backsplash and paint. AyA's professional, in-house designers will work with you to develop a plan that will fit your style and budget. It is highly recommended that you work with a contractor to co-ordinate various trades that may be involved in your renovation. You may require an electrician, plumber, tile installer, painter etc. These are all materials and trades that need to be considered.





steel drawer box with 5/8" melamine bottom

100% melamine interior available in white and wood grain

14" deep standard base cabinet shelves

backing on all cabinets including sink cabinets

all exposed gables for wood door styles are matching wood veneer

dowel & glue cabinet construction

base cabinets on adjustable legs

110 degree clip or hinges

all four cabinet front edges are colour coordinated PVC

## AYA ADVANTAGE

As pioneers of mass customization, AyA's state-of-the-art cabinet manufacturing facility enables us to produce the range of product and attention to detail demanded by the finest builders and designers while offering the quality and savings that result from producing on a mass scale for customers across North America.

Our ability to tailor make each and every customer's order, combined with turnkey service, starting with superior in-house designers through to professional installation, means AyA provides an unsurpassed level of service to all of our customers.

This is the AyA Advantage.

## AYA KITCHEN UPGRADES

For those looking to add a little extra oomph to their kitchen, AyA offers a variety of different options to help upgrade your space. Not to be confused with accessories or ornamentation, upgrades apply strictly to how the kitchen is built (boxes, doors, drawers, hinges & finishes). Below are just a few of our top choices for upgrading your kitchen.

### DRAWER SELECTIONS

AyA customers have a choice of four options when it comes to drawers: standard, White full extension double-walled, wood or solid birch dovetail. For a contemporary European look, our double-wall slim drawer system has a soft close mechanism and full extension rollers that allow total interior access. Wood and dovetail drawers run on state-of-the-art European anti-slam slides for operational excellence with the elegance of wood.



FULL-EXTENSION DOUBLE-WALL DRAWER



WOOD DRAWER



WOOD DOVETAIL DRAWER

## HIGH QUALITY COMPONENTS ARE STANDARD

Since the cabinetry makes the kitchen, AyA raises the bar by utilizing only high quality components.

### FRAMELESS CONSTRUCTION

AyA cabinets maximize interior storage and easy access with frameless, modular construction. Interior melamine gables and shelves are stain and moisture-resistant and never require refinishing.

### EUROPEAN HINGES

Clip on, concealed European hinges with 110° opening and six way adjustment allow for easy removal of doors for virtually effortless interior cleaning or shelf adjustment.

### DOUBLE WALL SOFT CLOSE DRAWERS

AyA's standard drawers are German manufactured, 3/4 extension white double wall, soft close drawers. AyA is one of the first in our industry to provide these drawers as standard.

### FURNITURE FINISHES

A broad range of low luster, environmentally friendly finishes, all with AyA's exclusive stains and paints. This ensures non-fading, hard wearing cabinet doors for the long term.

### FLUID COLOUR - INSIDE & OUT

All AyA wood door cabinets have matching veneer finished ends. In addition, interior cabinet edges are colour-coordinated to doors for a seamless look.

### A LEG UP

Behind the traditional toe kick gracing the bottom of AyA's cabinets are engineered, adjustable legs. Wood components are raised above floor level, minimizing potential water damage to cabinetry.

### THIRD PARTY CERTIFIED

AyA's standard cabinetry is environmentally friendly certified by the KCMA Environmental Stewardship Program. AyA's quality is third party certified by the Woodmark Quality System.



### SOFT CLOSE DOORS AND DRAWERS

The soft close revolution has moved into a new phase with the introduction of soft close hinges. AyA's integrated soft close hinge is a must have item in any kitchen. They have an invisible and completely integrated anti-slam mechanism that ensures a soft, gentle close and also works as a safety feature with children.

Each of AyA's upgraded drawer systems also feature a soft-close mechanism that gently pulls the drawer in the last 4-5 inches, in slow motion, to a complete close. Silent and sturdy, these drawers are some of AyA's most popular upgrades.



GREEN DESIGN



## GREEN DESIGN

AyA's commitment to sustainability is exemplified in AyA's Green Design initiative. AyA Kitchens is continually striving to surpass environmental and health standards and help their customers create healthier environments, from CARB2 compliant cabinetry to water based finishes to ensure healthy homes to upcycling material and solar power for a better environment.

For more info on all of our green design initiatives, please visit: [AyAkitchens.com](http://AyAkitchens.com).







## AYA PLUS UPGRADES

AyA Kitchens is proud to introduce our latest line of cabinetry. AyA+ is all the incredible range of product and styles offered by AyA plus the opportunity to further customize: AyA plus custom paint colours, AyA plus custom cabinet sizes, AyA plus rift cut white oak, AyA plus your imagination. With AyA+ the possibilities are limitless.

### MODERN PROFILES

#### ANTHRACITE DRAWERS & ROLL-OUTS

AyA Plus drawers and roll-outs are full extension with soft-close anti-slam system with a contemporary square edge profile and premium anthracite finish. A selection of drawer inserts are also available to provide a custom and organized kitchen setup.

Access and utilize the entire drawer for a more functional kitchen experience.

### EXCLUSIVE DOORS

#### AyA'S NEW CONTEMPORARY NARROW RAIL DOORS IN WALNUT & WHITE OAK

Exclusive New Contemporary doors will be available in AyA Plus. AyA's popular narrow rail shaker doors will expand in selection to Walnut and rift-cut white oak. AyA's New Contemporary collection fits neatly between AyA's Urban and Transitional collections. Refined rails create a visual focal point with understated elegance and now with higher end materials.



### FRESH INTERIORS

#### LINEN PRINT CABINET INTERIORS

AyA continues to elevate industry standards by offering fresh and different options. AyA Plus cabinet interiors are available in a linen print finish. Add a touch of contemporary luxury to the interior of your cabinets with the warm look of linen.



### CUSTOM COLOURS

#### CUSTOMIZED CABINET COLOURS

Design your kitchen with your very own personalized colour. AyA Plus will open the full colour spectrum and allow customers to create any custom colour. Fine tune a colour to the perfect tint, tone and shade just as you desire.

### ALL CABINET SIZES

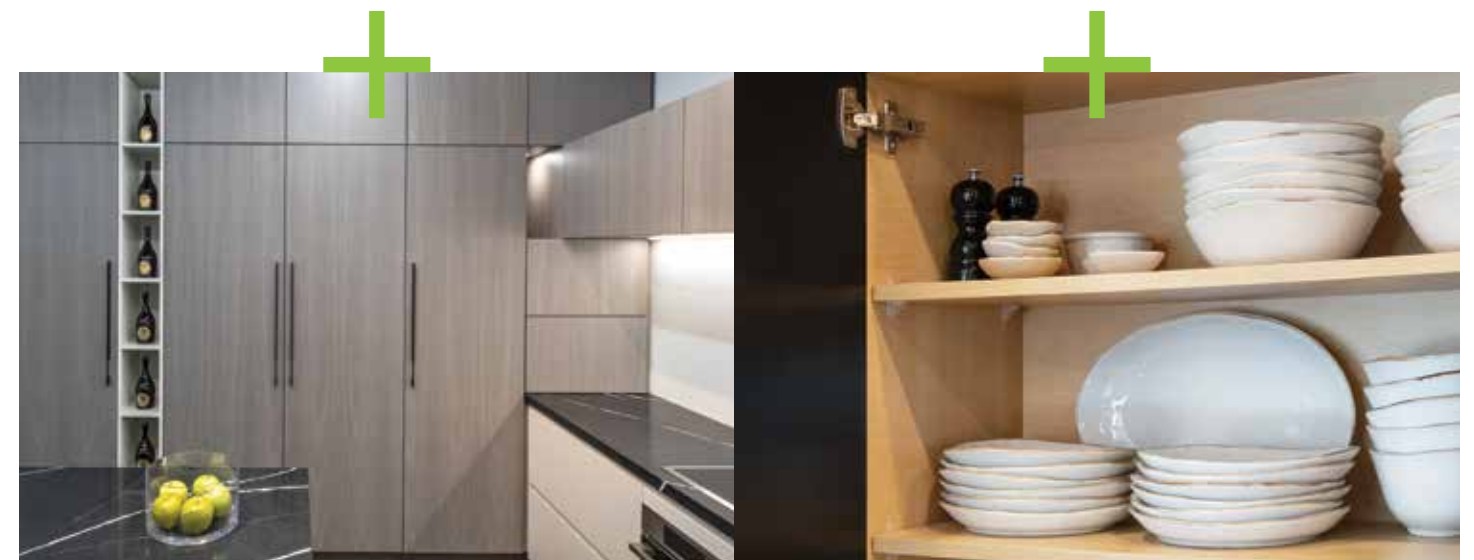
#### CUSTOM CABINET SIZES

AyA's state-of-the-art cabinet manufacturing facility enables us to produce the range of product and attention to detail. AyA Plus will take it a step further by offering all custom cabinet sizes. A fully custom kitchen space will have a more tailored and refined aesthetic without any compromises or limitations.

### CLEAN DETAIL

#### ESSENTIAL CABINET DRILLING ONLY

AyA Plus is about customization, even down to the drilling. Standard cabinetry include visible drill holes from installation. AyA Plus will provide essential cabinet drilling only, the installation and end result will look cleaner and sleek with a level of detailed polish.





# AYA MATERIALS

Selecting the right materials is an important step when renovating your kitchen. Certain wood species will have different grains, pitting, colour range and also age differently. An AyA designer can help you choose the right materials that will lend themselves best to your space and lifestyle.



## OAK

Oak is a popular choice in cabinetry due to the durability of its moisture resistant wood. Characterized by strong, open graining, Red Oak has a natural range of colour from light to dark and mineral deposits within the grain increase its natural beauty.



## MAPLE

Maple is a hard, tightly but subtly grained wood that can have colour variations from a pale white to a pale reddish tone. The finish that is chosen for maple can enhance its natural beauty, or reduce the subtle variations through the use of darker stains.



## CHERRY

Cherry has a warm reddish undertone animated with bold grain patterning and enhanced with pitting which complements the warmth of historical settings. The appearance of cherry can vary dramatically with the stain colour applied to it, and has a natural tendency to darken over time.



## PAINTED

Painted finishes are solid, opaque colour applications that do not reveal any grain characteristics and which can be accentuated with hand glazing. Painted finishes can be applied to MDF and/or wood doors. The natural expansion and contraction of wood doors with painted finishes can have the effect of emphasizing the joinery.



## EXOTIC

AyA offers a variety of engineered exotic woods: Wenge, Zebrano, and White Oak all of which are sustainable woods that have the additional benefit of exceptional grain consistency. AyA also offers Walnut in a natural form that celebrates the beauty of its grain.



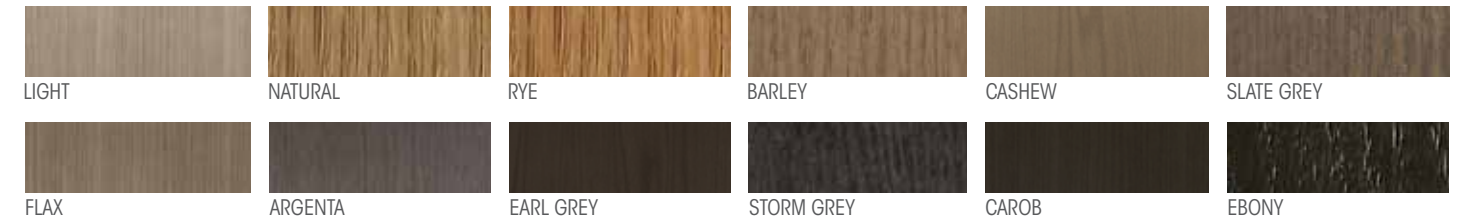
## LAMINATE

Laminates come in a wide range of colours, finishes and textures. Whether mimicking the natural aspects of wood or as an alternative to paint, laminates are a versatile and economical option. AyA offers a variety of laminates including Thermofoil, standard and textured Melamine, and High Gloss PET.

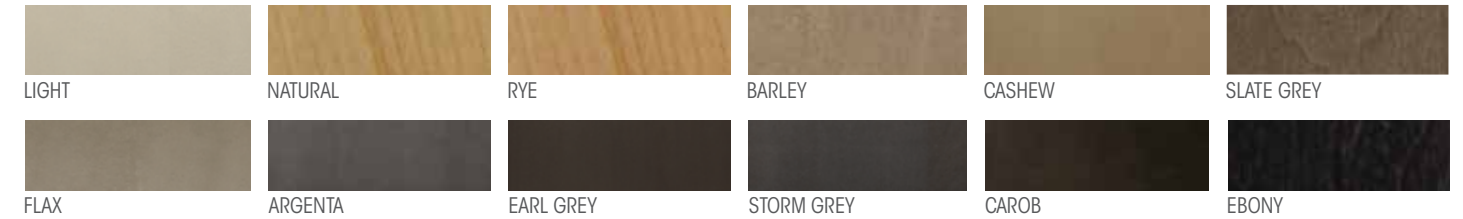
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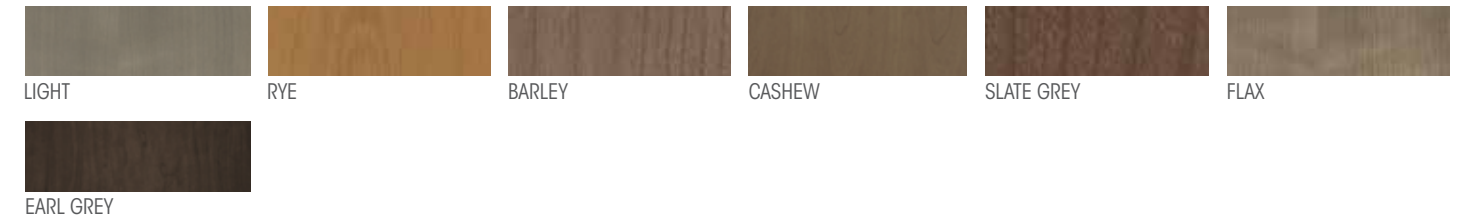
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## MAPLE



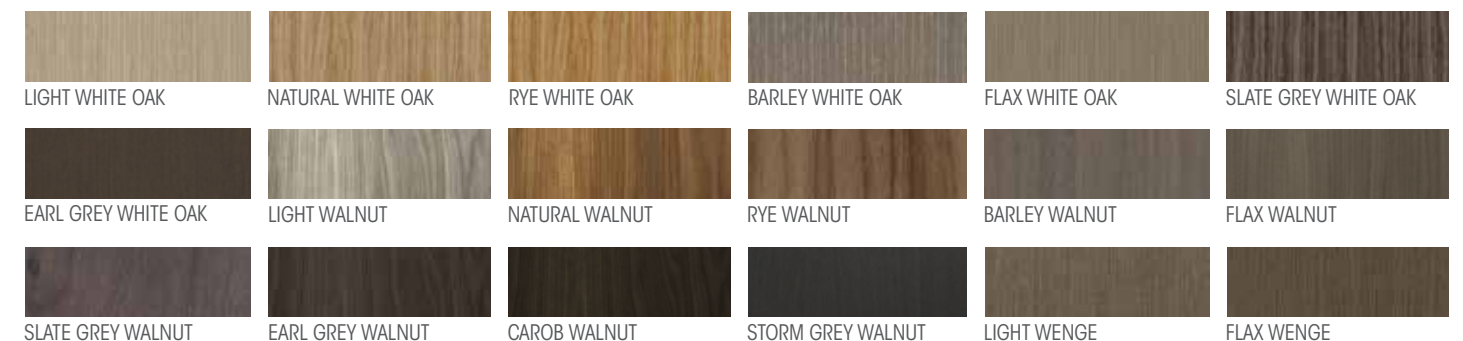
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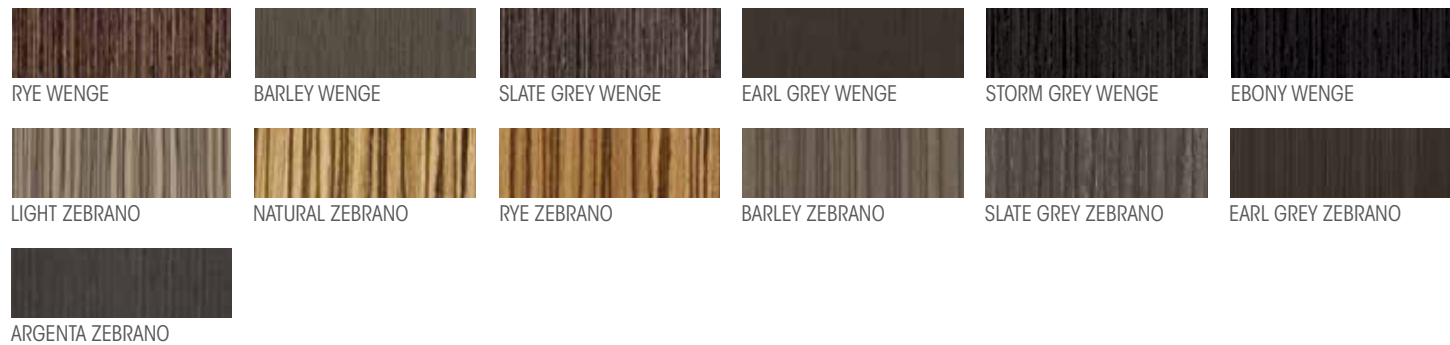


## PAINTED



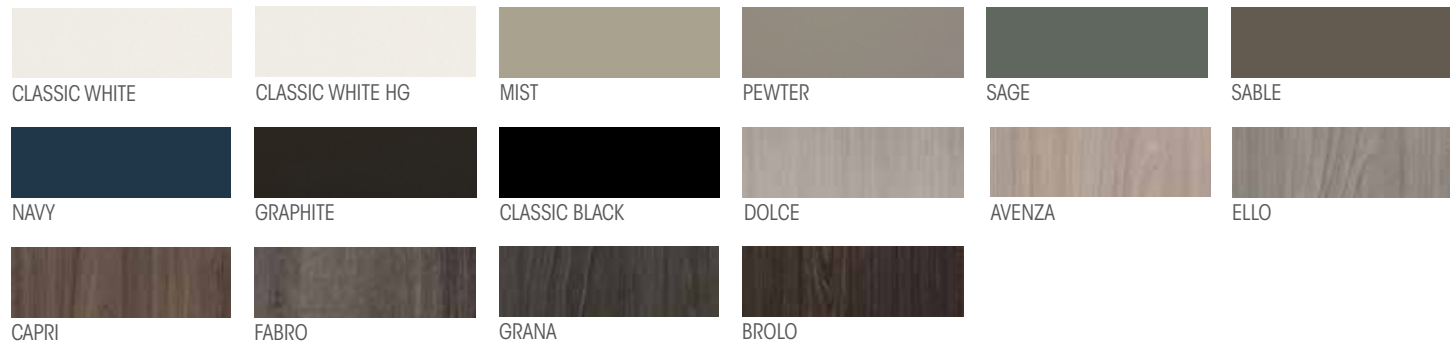
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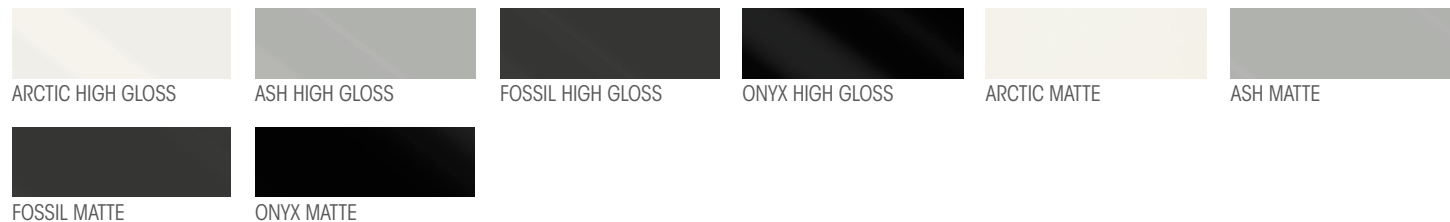


**LAMINATE**

**THERMOFOIL**



**PET**

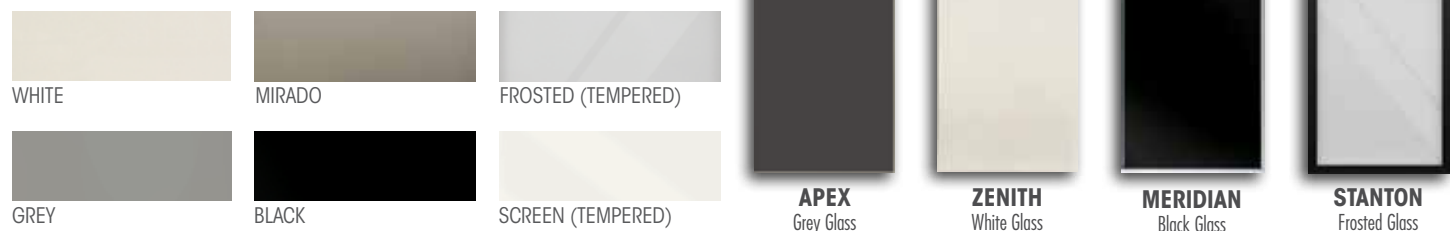


**MELAMINE**



**TEXTURED MELAMINE**

**GLASS**



**URBAN KITCHENS**

AyA's Urban collection is inspired by European contemporary design and best of all it is manufactured right here in North America.

For the modern minimalist look in design, AyA's Urban style features exotic woods, aluminum, sleek slab doors, and bold high gloss offerings in laminates or glass. The urban style possibilities are endless and allows for experimentation in pairing different combinations. Make it your own and put your personal stamp of style on it. Starkly minimal or funky and exotic, AyA's Urban style lends itself to be adventurous in creating a unique and personalized cutting edge modern space.



**URBAN FINISHES:** WD - WOOD (CHERRY, MAPLE, OAK) EX - EXOTIC PT - PAINTED TF - THERMOFOIL ML- MELAMINE PE - PET





## NEW CONTEMPORARY KITCHENS

AyA's New Contemporary Collection has a versatility that encourages experimentation, mixing doors with both Urban and Contemporary styles.

The New Contemporary collection fits neatly between AyA's Urban and Transitional collections. As a middle ground between slab and shaker, this collection can be dressed up to lean more to the Transitional side, or it can be paired down to create a more minimal and modern feel. Refined rails create a visual focal point with understated elegance. AyA Kitchens has innovated an on trend middle ground with an extremely successful hybridization of these two styles.







## TRANSITIONAL KITCHENS

The best part about an AyA Transitional kitchen is the ability to mix and match styles, colours and textures to create a truly unique design geared to your lifestyle.

Elegant in its simplicity, functional and timeless, the transitional style is at home in both traditional and contemporary settings. In AyA's Transitional style you get the best of both worlds, think fusing the shaker tradition with contemporary materials and colours. Transitional balances the sleek and simple elements of contemporary design with an appreciation of a more formal classic aesthetic.



**CARLING**  
Barley Maple



**MONTEREY**  
Natural Oak



**ALBAN**  
Flax Maple



**PACIFICA**  
Glazed Midnight Blue



**BRITT**  
Slate Grey Maple



**CAMDEN**  
Blue Mist



**VERMONT**  
Barley Cherry



**ARLINGTON**  
Rye Maple



**ASTORIA**  
Glazed Crema



**ASCOT**  
Earl Grey Maple



**DORSET**  
Classic White HG



**SUSSEX**  
Carob Maple



**SEAFORTH**  
Clay



**SHERWOOD**  
Mist



**LARGO**  
Pitch Black



**NAPA**  
Anthracite



**BERKSHIRE**  
Oyster



**BEDFORD**  
Glazed Dusk



**WEXFORD**  
Avenza



**CLAREMONT**  
Capri



**CARDIFF**  
Wintergreen



**YORKSHIRE**  
Cashew Cherry



**CHESAPEAKE**  
Classic White



**MEDIO**  
Shale



**LANCASTER**  
Barley Oak



## CERTIFIED QUALITY

The quality of our product comes from design. Good design is not only the look, feel and style of the final product but also the design of the processes which enable it.

Our commitment to quality made us one of the first in our industry to become third party certified by the Woodmark Quality System - the first quality management specifically designed for the wood products manufacturing industry.

This certification reviews all materials and standard operating procedures and is audited yearly to ensure quality standards are being met.



WOODMARK CERTIFIED





## CLASSIC KITCHENS

AyA's Classic kitchens have a timeless feel and allow for the use of full ornamentation and accessories.

An elegance of both warm and richly finished wood combined with a sophistication of painted finished solid colours, AyA's Classic style features a lavish selection of oak, maple, cherry raised panel doors in a wide spectrum of stained, painted, glazed and other hand finishes. Our classic moulding, posts and ornamentation variety will be sure to enhance your kitchen space with a warm, old world charm.





# KITCHEN ORGANIZATION

There are many accessories you can add to your kitchen, to not only make your dream space visually appealing, but also a functional work space making life in the kitchen much simpler and less cluttered. Whether there is one chef or many in the household, organizing your recipes, pots and pans as well as ingredients helps to create a clean space that is easy for all users to navigate and enjoy.



## LIFT-UPS

Upper cabinets that open up opposed to out are aesthetically pleasing as well as practical. Lift-ups allow for easy access to stored dishes or appliances and have a soft close mechanism to prevent slamming when they are being closed.

## PULL OUT TABLE

AyA's pull-out table is the perfect solution for small and challenging spaces or condos. The sturdy dining table seats 4 and folds to hide neatly into a drawer when not in use. The pull-out table is available in a variety of finishes and materials to suit your tastes and needs.



## CORNER SOLUTIONS

Functional accessories that solve the challenges of hard to reach blind corners, such as the extraordinary magic corner, help to maximize space while minimizing the struggle to reach stored items. The swiveling and extending of these inserts makes otherwise dead corners functional and makes the items stored within easily reachable.



## DRAWER ORGANIZERS

AyA offers a range of practical inserts for organizing and dividing drawer contents. Inserts can be used in utensil drawers with cutlery dividers, or can be used in larger cabinets for organizing dinner plates, soup bowls, etc.



## WASTE & RECYCLING CENTRE

The perfect solution for stashing and separating house hold waste and recycling. The double bin pull-out is easily removable for disposal as well as bin clean up and is neatly tucked behind the cabinetry with no indication of the contents.

## ROLL-OUTS

Helping to maximize the kitchen's storage space, roll-outs are perfect for deep pantries or base cabinets, ensuring that food items don't get forgotten about in the back of the cabinet. They're also great for bringing heavier items out to where they can be more easily accessed.



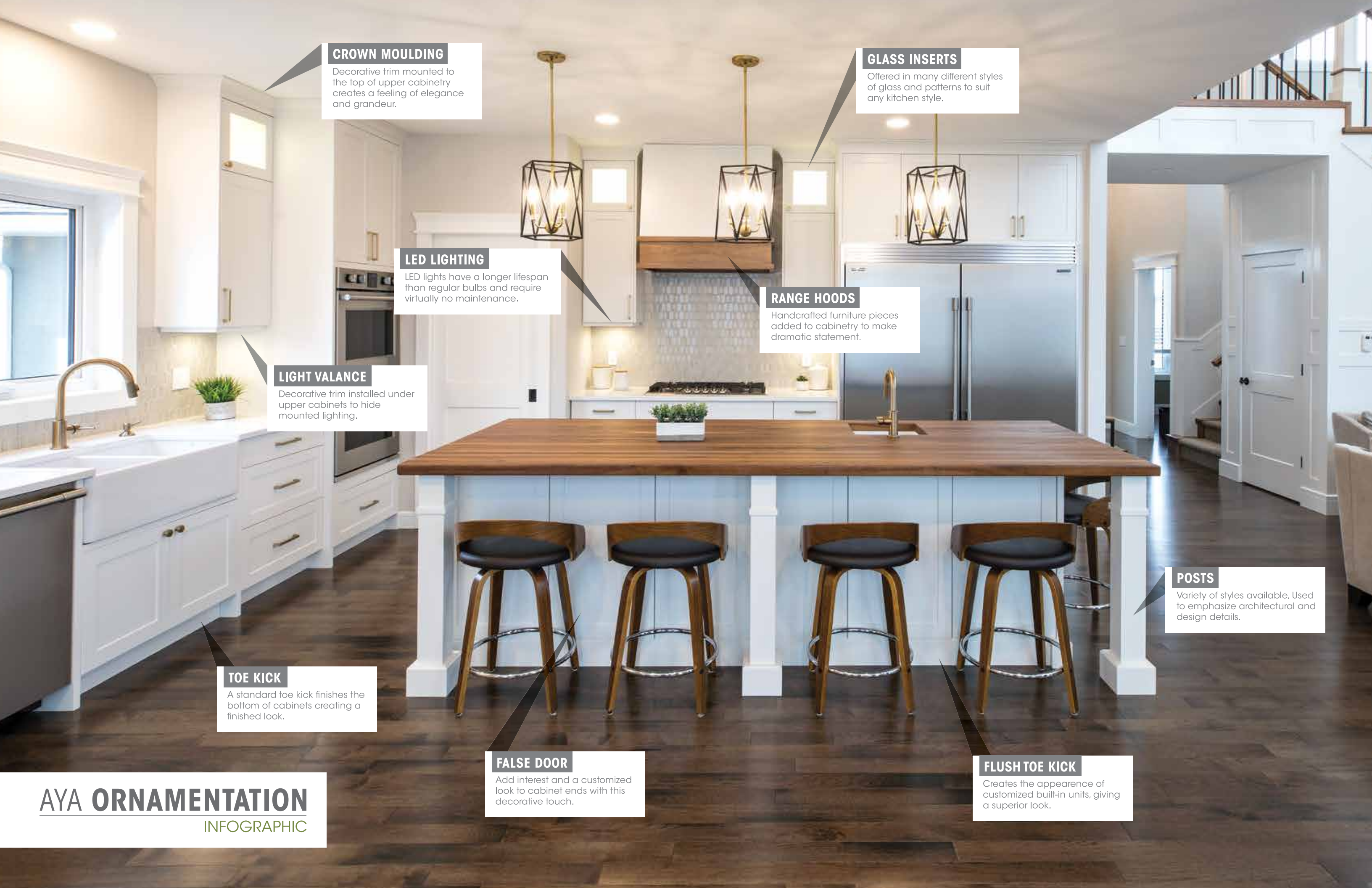
## PULL-OUTS

Perfect storage racks for spices and canned goods, pull-out accessory cabinets allow for plentiful storage in smaller spaces, making all stored items easy to reach.

Pull out pantries have customizable shelves that are sturdy and can be used at different heights.







**CROWN MOULDING**

Decorative trim mounted to the top of upper cabinetry creates a feeling of elegance and grandeur.

**GLASS INSERTS**

Offered in many different styles of glass and patterns to suit any kitchen style.

**LED LIGHTING**

LED lights have a longer lifespan than regular bulbs and require virtually no maintenance.

**RANGE HOODS**

Handcrafted furniture pieces added to cabinetry to make dramatic statement.

**LIGHT VALANCE**

Decorative trim installed under upper cabinets to hide mounted lighting.

**POSTS**

Variety of styles available. Used to emphasize architectural and design details.

**TOE KICK**

A standard toe kick finishes the bottom of cabinets creating a finished look.

**FALSE DOOR**

Add interest and a customized look to cabinet ends with this decorative touch.

**FLUSH TOE KICK**

Creates the appearance of customized built-in units, giving a superior look.

**AYA ORNAMENTATION**  
INFOGRAPHIC





## AYA BATHS

Peace and serenity—a balance that AyA Kitchens strives to achieve for all our sophisticated, busy clientele. Nothing emphasizes this more than our spa baths — a great space to end a busy day and pamper yourself.

Whether it's the warmth and beauty of maple or cherry, or the soft look of hand painted doors, our creative designers can create a space that is truly personalized and unique. If you're looking for a classic feel, the use of posts, upper cabinets with crown moulding and open shelves can all contribute to that timeless spa feel. Those who like a more modern or contemporary look, make use of modern materials and finishes along with stylish light fixtures. Statuesque faucets and polished stone tops will complete your dreamy oasis!

AyA offers a wide variety of different door styles which are well suited for bathroom spaces. Our vast array of colours, species and finishes provide endless combinations. Creating your escape from life's hustle and bustle has never been easier.



## AYA BUILT-INS

The versatility of AyA's cabinetry can be used throughout the home, with endless combinations of styles, species and finishes. Whether trying to create the right atmosphere or making a living space more organized, AyA can help with the right storage solutions.

### OFFICES

Working from home has never been better. We help ease your hectic workday by making sure everything you need is at your fingertips.

### LAUNDRY

Organization and storage options are abundant in a laundry room designed by AyA. Maximize space and time in this busy room in your home.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Whether it's a game room, wet bar, or entertainment unit, AyA has the right cabinetry to keep the party going. The right cabinetry can help set the atmosphere for get-togethers with family and friends.

### LIBRARY

Form and function are key elements of any AyA library. Our vast selection of woods and finishes make it easy to complement and display your literary favourites.



## AYA CLOSETS

All closet solutions are the same, or are they? AyA's closet line raises the bar by offering the distinguished furniture look of wood cabinetry specifically designed for the closet.

Imagine if you will, walking into your luxurious closet with the feeling of true craftsmanship and high design, all in rich, warm tones of maple, cherry, oak or exotic woods. Our mandate at AyA Kitchens is to bring the sophistication of our client's homes right into their closet. It allows our most discriminating clients to pamper themselves not only in their kitchens and spa bathrooms, but now in their closets as well.

Rather than the standard laminate and thermofoil offerings which dominate the contemporary closet market, AyA offers full closet solutions in a wide range of woods and finishes. The warmth and beauty of real wood is accentuated by our exclusive, state of the art UV cured finishing system which allows our designers to bring to life the ultimate dream closet.





## CUBI MODULAR SYSTEM

AyA has launched a shelving revolution with CUBI. Designed in partnership with the Toronto-based architectural firm PARTISANS, the concept is a response to urban expansion and densification to maximize the potential of space.



The versatility of AyA's modular CUBI system allows for personalization and unique customization of kitchens, desks, offices, entertainment units, bars, seating areas, shelving systems and much more. CUBI is made from 1-1/8" X 1-1/8" solid Canadian maple posts and 1-1/8" Canadian maple panels. Posts and panels can be stained in any of AyA's 12 maple stains. Drawers feature top of the line European double wall soft close drawer slides. CUBI drawer front options include AyA's Manhattan door in any maple stained or painted finishes resulting in a vast array of design combinations.

As homes become smaller, the need for innovative and practical storage systems becomes evident. CUBI offers homeowners a solution that will remain with their lifestyle. CUBI has been developed in tandem with AyA's core principal - mass customization - which ensures that each finished scheme is completely unique to meet the individual needs of the consumer.

## POCKET DOOR POTENTIAL & VERSATILITY

AyA's pocket doors create many potential options for different applications in the kitchen. They can discreetly hide and reveal an integrated coffee bar, store small appliances or simply keep your kitchen space organized and reduce countertop clutter.



Organization makes the daily kitchen experience more enjoyable. A kitchen is more than looking stylish, it should meet your needs and lifestyle with personalized functionality. AyA's pocket doors have many uses which present great options during the design process. Whether it be a coffee station, mini bar, baking station or simply to store small appliances. The benefit in using pocket doors is the ability to discreetly tuck them away to reveal and hide the integrated area. Reducing countertop clutter keeps a kitchen organized while providing more working area.

AyA's pocket doors are available in all door styles and finishes. They create a flexibility in how the kitchen is used and maximizes its efficiency. Customize the interior with shelves and drawers to meet your desired layout and setup. Pocket doors have become a very popular feature delivering that unexpected wow factor and focal point.

## AYA SMALL SPACE SOLUTIONS

As a leader in design and innovation, AyA has been producing and perfecting condo cabinetry since 2001. In today's condo market, space is at a premium. AyA makes sure every inch of cabinetry is optimized for extra storage and extra functionality. The result is innovative solutions that adapt to your lifestyle and living space.



### AYA PULL-OUT TABLE

AyA's pull-out table makes the most of a challenging space with the flexibility to hide the dining table.

AyA's pull-out table is the perfect solution for small and challenging spaces or condos. The sturdy dining table seats 4 and folds to hide neatly into a drawer when not in use. The pull-out table is available in a variety of finishes and materials to suit your tastes and needs.

### AYA MURPHY BED/DESK

AyA's Murphy Bed/Desk functions as a sturdy desk for all your home office needs and pulls down to reveal a functioning bed.

#### DESK

In its upright desk form, AyA's Murphy Bed functions as a sturdy desk for all your electronic devices and home office materials. A great feature about the desk is that items smaller than 5' can be left on the surface even when the unit is in the bed position. AyA's Murphy Bed comes in a variety of panel finishes and materials to suit your tastes and needs.

#### BED

In its pulled down bed form, this unit fits a standard double size mattress. The ultra smooth gliding European hardware provides easy operations whether opening or closing the bed. Two high strength fabric straps secure the mattress to the unit. The Murphy Bed also includes a locking mechanism when the bed is closed to ensure safety when working at the desk.







## TIPS ON DESIGNING A MEMORABLE KITCHEN

Kitchens that make a statement offer something fresh and exceptional.

What makes a memorable kitchen? Most extraordinary kitchens have features or design elements that really create an impact. A unique and sometimes unconventional space that inspires us and sparks ideas daring to be different. However a memorable kitchen is also more than just its appearance, it has to be first and foremost functional. Improving the overall experience and efficiency of the kitchen space while meeting all the needs of the household. Great design stems from a collaboration between a talented designer and an open minded customer willing to experiment and push the envelope. Professional designers can also help overcome space constraints and other renovation challenges with creative and insightful solutions. Stunning kitchens that make a statement offer something fresh and exceptional. Sometimes its big and dramatic and other times its in the combination of details or focal points that leave us astonished.



### UNIQUE & INNOVATIVE

Superb in its unique and custom features, a personalized kitchen filled with creative solutions thinking outside the box. A prime example that memorable kitchens come in various sizes and price points, they all have a story to tell. At first glance you see a beautiful black contemporary kitchen with a rustic brick wall backsplash. Gorgeous right? now what if we told you the homeowners had the idea to re-purpose book shelves and hang them upside down as a creative open shelving solution. Ingenious right! Upper cabinetry can also be paired with open shelves to provide some variation and a different appeal.

Another alternative is floating shelves for a more minimal aesthetic if you desire something more simple. Both the homeowner and AyA designer also came up with the idea to hide the electrical outlets discreetly within the countertop back ledge. It's a very clever solution that didn't impact the brick backsplash. The inventive and innovative ideas adds another level of amazement to this space. An unconventional kitchen filled with charm, fresh ideas and truly one of a kind.

#### AyA DESIGNER PRO TIP:

Open shelving is an easy and practical way to access everyday items. It also allows for the ability to alter the feel of the kitchen by changing the displayed decor and alternating the colours seasonally keeping the space fresh.



### CUSTOM DESIGN & FOCAL POINTS

Every so often a kitchen comes along with a stunning cohesive design sense. This transitional kitchen in AyA Bedford Latte white cabinets features a collection of focal points that complement each other perfectly.

The elegant ornate range hood and its curves makes a statement on its own but it is also ties into the mirror insert upper cabinets that flank it. The pairing really captures the eye creating a strong unified presence, however the crown jewel is the ornate custom island with its decorative posts and mirrored insert design. Its a show-stopper piece in a brilliantly thoughtout kitchen design filled with attention to detail and wow factor.

Depending on your kitchen style and layout there are many options available to you when designing your island. An elegant waterfall countertop island is a popular design that is versatile and adds a personalized touch.

#### AyA DESIGNER PRO TIP:

A kitchen island can really change the feel, function and flow of the space. From size, shape, countertop and built-ins, the island is the central hub of the kitchen and it should meet all your needs. Introducing a secondary colour/finish in the island also creates dimension within the space. When working with an AyA designer they will help with the process suggesting ideas and making recommendations to help make the best decision for your kitchen.



### PERSONALIZED & HIDDEN DETAILS

Memorable kitchens come in different shapes and sizes but they all make us feel delighted and surprised. Space limitations can be a challenge, especially in the condo market, but AyA designers creatively tackle each space with unique custom solutions. AyA's pull-out table is the perfect solution for those small and challenging spaces or condos. The sturdy dining table seats 4 and folds to hide neatly into a drawer when not in use. It's a smart and practical feature that allows for dining without have to take up unnecessary permanent space.

Discreet and hidden details are always a pleasant surprise in a kitchen. Concealed behind two pocket doors is an organized coffee station pantry accessible to family and friends when needed. It can then be easily tucked away out of sight, out of mind keeping the visible countertops clear of clutter. Sometimes unconventional kitchens require unconventional solutions. Enduring kitchen design is an evolution of collaborative ideas creating the ideal final product. Let these kitchen spaces inspire you and dare you to be different, create your very own memorable space with the help of an AyA designer.

#### AyA DESIGNER PRO TIP:

Always consider your kitchen activity when designing it. It will guide your decision making towards a more efficient and functional space. The process might also highlight the need to conceal small appliances with an appliance garage or a large recycling centre with a large environmentally conscious family.







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