

## ***Adding elegant features of modern design to the traditional home***

*Lavender accents and a fresh, airy aesthetic transform this kitchen into one of Tiburon's finest.*

**TIBURON, CA** – When the homeowner of this modern Northern California-based abode with views of the Golden Gate Bridge was in Europe she decided she wanted to renovate her kitchen after a visit to ALNO LONDON. With a fondness for contemporary and minimalist décor, she quickly took to the ALNO line of kitchen cabinetry: ALNOTECH PRO. Featuring a classic combination of form, function and distinctive design, the homeowner adored the high gloss metallic graphite and brilliant white surfaces. When she returned home, she contacted Chris Chapek, principle designer of Alliance Custom Builders – a design and construction firm. Chapek came up with an overall design and one of his first stops was European Kitchen Design – an ALNO dealer in Palo Alto, CA. There he worked with designer Deganit Albalak to enhance the ALNOTECH PRO with various storage aids, illuminated backlit doors and clear glass D-handles.

“My goal was a clean, symmetrical design,” said Chapek. “I achieved this by implementing glass art shelves with aluminum edging, which matched the edging on the kitchen cabinet doors, stainless steel appliances and the same Caesarstone surfaces for both the fireplace and countertops.”

“This kitchen needed a ‘fitted’ look,” said Albalak. “The doors and panels were built directly around the appliances so that they fit seamlessly into niches and spaces, without fillers attached to the wall; creating smooth transitions with contemporary flair.”



To continue the seamless aesthetic, the kitchen features two identical-height refrigerators, two pull out pantries, which flank both sides of the oven, two appliance garages and frosted glass cabinets. The kitchen island is supported by high aluminum legs to create a “furniture” look and to further enhance the eat-in kitchen. To top it all off, Chapek created contrast with distressed hickory flooring.

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