



Create a DIY chalkboard with Rust-Oleum brush-on chalkboard paint.



“People want their homes to be cozy,” interior designer Bonnie Bagley-Catlin said. “They want their woods to be worn and textured, not all shiny and pristine.”

Bagley-Catlin mixed modern and rustic elements by blending woods and metals throughout the space. “I love to see as many colors and textures as the room can handle.”

The kitchen island features a decorative wall treatment made of hand-hewn, reclaimed wood. The distressed panels by Vintage Timberworks in Temecula are recycled from old barns.

Over the dining table, the team chose an industrial Barn Light Outback Warehouse Pendant from Barn Light Electric (\$173). The galvanized finish added to its appeal. “We wanted a fixture that looked like it had done its time.” A matching light hangs in the entryway.

Playful elements, such as twig racks (sleekidentity.com), display the couple’s mug collection. The clients also wanted a kinetic piece of art for self-expression. The solution? A full-length chalkboard. Note the hand rendering of their pet, Peanut, an Australian sheep dog. (To recreate this DIY item, use Rust-Oleum Chalk Board paint. Tack a frame around it to complete the look.)

The project’s eco-friendly additions include energy-efficient lighting, no VOC paint by YOLO Colorhouse (to limit off-gassing), and CeasarStone quartz countertops (made of recycled stone left over after whole slabs are harvested from the ground).

For the flooring, the clients opted for a luxe vinyl plank by Armstrong—an ideal choice for homeowners with active pets.

Groen said their overall success came from collaboration. “By having everyone under one roof, we created a kitchen remodel that really changed the way they live.” //KIMBERLY CUNNINGHAM