

CKS Kitchens & Design Client Wins National *Better Homes & Gardens* Contest For Their Kitchen Renovation

Durham, N.C. –August 18, 2008– CKS Kitchens & Design clients, Tanja Vujic and Tim Profeta, are the winners in the 2008 kitchen category for *Better Homes & Gardens*' national home improvement challenge. The kitchen will be featured in the magazine's September 2008 issue, on newsstands now.

Vujic, an environmental law and policy consultant, entered the *Better Homes & Gardens Home Improvement Challenge* in January. The Chapel Hill kitchen was professionally shot by magazine photographers in June for the September issue.

CKS Kitchens & Design is a Durham-based kitchen design studio and custom cabinet manufacturer known for its stylish and functional high-end kitchens and baths. Vujic and her husband, Profeta, the director of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, heard about CKS through their contractor Bill Beasley of Red-B Construction.

Vujic and Profeta wanted a kitchen with clean lines that was full of light. They needed their kitchen to be kid-friendly and a central gathering place where they could also entertain guests. CKS worked with Vujic and Profeta to provide the cabinetry and make sure it fit within the overall kitchen design.

"The CAD-drawings and elevations CKS provided were very, very helpful," said Vujic. "As we went through the process, I appreciated CKS' ability to work with us to accomplish our overall vision while meeting our budget constraints." she added.

"In the end, some of the changes we made to meet our budget actually are some of the things we love the most about our kitchen," said Vujic. "Reducing some cabinet space under the island ended up giving us extra seating, turning the island into more of a natural gathering place."

CKS kitchen designer Lisa Principe worked with Vujic and Profeta to make the island a central feature of the kitchen. Other cabinetry features include the hidden pullout pantry located next to the refrigerator, a counter to ceiling cabinet next to the sink as well as cabinetry surrounding the refrigerator to make it appear to be a built-in.

"Tanja and Tim were great to work with," said Principe. "They had a vision for their kitchen and we were able to assist in making that vision a reality. Having your client win a national contest and allowing your work to be featured in a national magazine is just an added bonus."

About CKS Kitchens & Design

CKS Kitchens & Design is a high-end custom cabinet design studio and manufacturer located in Durham, N.C. With 20 years of experience, CKS creates custom cabinetry and millwork for residential and

commercial clients that reflect refined tastes and lifestyles. In addition to its own custom designed cabinet line, CKS also offers a complete line of manufactured high-end kitchen cabinets including Pedini, Plain & Fancy, StarMark Cabinetry, UltraCraft Cabinetry, Quality Custom Cabinetry and Dura Supreme. CKS provides design services for new and remodeled kitchens in a variety of styles including contemporary/modern, arts and crafts, mission, Asian and retro, to name a few. For more information, visit www.cksdesignstudio.com or call 919.477.6318.

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