

April 2007 Cabinetry Design of the Month



Saint Joseph Cabinetry & Designs



“Teacup” cabinetry hits the spot in this Stonebridge kitchen

Collecting all things to do with tea is a passion for Diane Overgard that began 13 years ago with childhood tea parties for Diane’s then 2-year-old daughter. Now I love tea and I love to have tea parties. Diane has it all, a whole collection that is constantly growing.

“When people know you collect something, you get it for birthdays and Christmas and housewarmings,” she says. “Each one of my teacups and teapots has a memory or story attached to it. I love them.” That’s why, after she and her husband, Mark, bought a home in Aurora’s Stonebridge area last June and decided to completely replace the kitchen, they knew that along with all the usual kitchen cabinetry and appliances there would have to be a special place for the teacups and teapots.

“A friend, Roy Logan of Heartland Granite, referred us to St. Joseph Cabinetry & Designs,” Diane says. “I love all the little details they put into our kitchen – the butler’s pantry, the microwave drawer, the baking area with the pop-up mixer cabinet, the two garbage drawers, and the shrimp sink in the countertop. People rave about that sink when they come and we’re having a party.” But she especially loves the custom-designed cabinetry that showcases her teapot and teacup collection. Built into a curved wall, the glass-fronted cabinetry provides Diane with individual shelves to display individual cups and saucers and teapots, while offering multiple drawers and lower cabinet storage for napkins, teas and other tea items.

For their kitchen, the Overgard’s chose Haas cabinetry with a painted eggshell finish with mocha glaze for the main cabinetry and an island in cherry wood with an espresso stain. Carved corbels give the cabinetry a “furniture” look.

Diane, who had remodeled a kitchen in a previous home, says she was impressed with St. Joseph’s schedule. “They were really fast,” she says. “My previous experience took most of a year. This kitchen took six weeks from the time we first met with Jackie to the cabinetry’s delivery, then about another three weeks for installation.” Diane says St. Joseph’s made her remodeling experience easy, leaving her with a kitchen that has all the conveniences she was looking for. “This kitchen is the place in our home where everyone wants to be,” she says. “It’s so friendly. I just love my kitchen.”



**“Our designer, Jackie Dearborn, was wonderful.”
“She came out with pieces of cardboard, measured
and cut the pieces to get the angles right for that
cabinetry.”**

— Diane Overgard



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