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The Next Chapter

A coastal kitchen in Pacific Palisades, California, went from kid-friendly to adult-ready.

Bookmatched slabs of Calacatta quartzite create a dramatic backsplash.

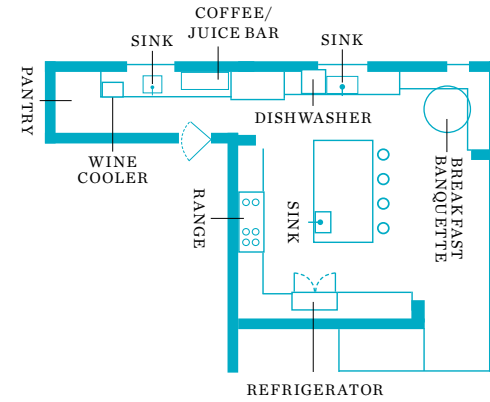
Stools: Serena & Lily.
Stone: Calacatta quartzite, Arizona
Tile. **Fixtures:** Waterstone. **Appliances:** Sub-Zero and Wolf.
Island sink: The Galley.

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JUICE BAR
Just off the main kitchen, Rideau created a bar for smoothies in the morning and wine at night. **Shelving:** custom. **Wine fridge:** Sub-Zero. **Shade fabric:** Larsen.



A LOT CHANGED IN 15 YEARS. THE OCEAN-blue kitchen that Caren Rideau designed for a young family was still beautiful, no doubt, but its open floor plan (perfect for watching three kids while prepping dinner) no longer suited the soon-to-be empty nesters. “I know that they got so much use out of it,” Rideau says. “The kids grew up there, but they’ve evolved. It was time for a shift.” She swapped in new cabinetry with grown-up creamy white and cerused quartersawn white oak fronts. The clients are part of family-owned stone and tile company Arizona Tile, so Rideau celebrated the material wherever possible: bookmatching the backsplash, cladding an architectural niche, and, of course, using slabs on every countertop.



Rideau’s new book, *Caren Rideau: Kitchen Designer, Vintner, Entertaining at Home* (out August 8 from Pointed Leaf Press) features recipes, wine pairings, and beautiful spaces.

But one of the most dramatic changes was the addition of a glass-door pantry. In Rideau’s original design, this area housed a bed nook with a reading light, where the kids hung out every night while dinner was being made. “It was hard for the homeowner to let it go,” Rideau admits, “but she knew it was the right thing.” Now a larger island and built-in breakfast banquette encourage the older kids, two of whom are college aged, to actually hang out with their parents.



Rideau added **shiplap walls** to balance out the many slab surfaces.

Rather than hide a structural column, Rideau **clad it in stone** to add interest.

PASS-THROUGH
Generous aisles lead from the main kitchen to the adjacent juice bar. **Picture light:** Circa Lighting. **Flush mounts and pendants:** The Urban Electric Co. **Hardware:** Rocky Mountain Hardware. **Paint:** Simply White, Benjamin Moore.

REACH-IN PANTRY
Everyday tableware and small appliances are on display (and always close at hand) in these glass enclosures.



BREAKFAST NOOK
A quaint corner with plush bench seating is the new family hang-out zone. **Pillows:** McLaurin & Piercy. **Bench fabric:** Manuel Canovas.