

# Star Kitchen

**Rev Run** and **Justine Simmons** show off their newly renovated home kitchen.

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For years, Rev Run, a founding member of Run-DMC, was religious about one thing: watching home-design and cooking shows. Not too long ago, he had an epiphany: “I called my manager and asked how I could be part of it all,” he says. In no time, he, his wife, Justine, and all six kids (now ranging in age from 7 to 30) were signed up to star in two new shows—one on DIY Network and the other on Cooking Channel. The first, *Rev Run’s Renovation*, which aired in the spring, documented the gutting and rebuilding of their Saddle River, NJ, home. Rev learned pretty quickly that being on a renovation show isn’t as easy as watching one: Builders found a surprise load-bearing pole that threatened the initial kitchen design, and the family had to move to a temporary rental nearby. Once they had their big reveal on DIY—this dream kitchen—they got to work on their next show, *Rev Run’s Sunday Suppers*. The series features the family as they take turns planning and cooking meals, like Justine’s daylong process of making Rev’s favorite lasagna. Rev openly admits that, despite the name of the show, he doesn’t do much cooking himself. “But I can make a really great steak,” he says.



## Fantasy island

Justine knew she wanted something more playful than her old boxy, L-shaped island. She found an Italian cabinetmaker in a magazine and had this unique kidney-shaped piece shipped to her. She loves that she finally has real lacquer: “The old cabinets just looked like lacquer,” she says.



## Color coordinated

Their previous kitchen was also red, white and black. “We tried to think of a new color scheme, but we couldn’t come up with anything that we liked better,” says Rev.



## Unexpected art

Producers of Rev’s DIY Network show found this sign hanging in the basement and persuaded Rev and Justine to bring it upstairs. “I was worried it was too old to go with our new stuff,” Justine says. Now she loves it—especially at night, when it lights up the room.



## Storage galore

The new kitchen has tons of extra-deep drawers, plus a camouflaged 36-inch refrigerator with matching freezer.



*There are two dishwashers hidden in the islands.*

Watch *Rev Run’s Sunday Suppers*, Sundays at 10 p.m. ET, starting June 8.

Turn the page to get their look.



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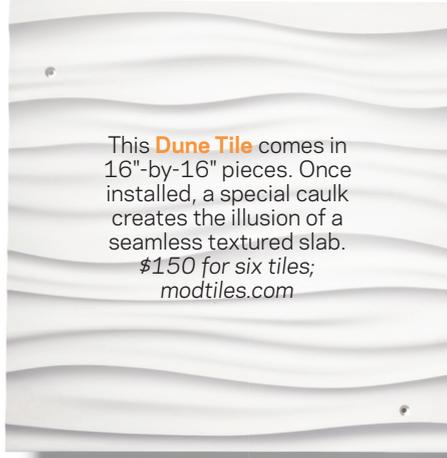
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## Get the Look

Pick up some of Rev and Justine's finds for your own kitchen.



This **Dune Tile** comes in 16"-by-16" pieces. Once installed, a special caulk creates the illusion of a seamless textured slab. \$150 for six tiles; [modtiles.com](http://modtiles.com)



Justine is an expert bargain hunter: She found this **Acacia Bread Bowl** at Target (\$20, [Threshold; target.com](http://Threshold.target.com)) and scored her striped vase and white fruit bowl from T.J.Maxx and HomeGoods.



Justine found this **Emery Mini Pendant** online. Then she bought lights for the rest of the house on the same website. \$170, [Quoizel Lighting; 1stlighting.com](http://QuoizelLighting.com)



Rev's street sign has been in his family for a while, but you can buy a similar **No Pedestrian Crossing sign**. From \$23; [roadtrafficsigns.com](http://roadtrafficsigns.com)



Justine's counters are mainly white, but she used red **Caesarstone quartz** for a small accent area. From \$65 per square foot, including installation; [caesarstoneus.com](http://caesarstoneus.com) for information



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