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# KITCHEN design

## High-rise entertaining

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In honor of the increasing popularity of high-rise living in Texas, this kitchen is one of the four design schemes residents may choose from in The Broadway, a luxury 20-story residential building under construction in San Antonio's Alamo Heights. The styles available range from four New York City themes: Madison Avenue (pictured), the most traditional; Lexington Avenue; Park Avenue; and Fifth Avenue, the most contemporary. "Each theme delivers a signature in classic variety for the sophisticated patron to combine their modern lifestyle with regional architectural influences, meaning we understand we are not in New York and we are not trying to be that. But we want to bring a lot of that urban and very fresh feel to San Antonio," says Casey Roy, of the San Antonio design firm, Baxter Design Group, Inc. The goal of the design project was to supply a sleek and simple backdrop for the regional flair a resident's personal treasures and furniture will bring to the space.

For many kitchens, the main strategy of design is for it to function well. In high-rise living, this challenge proves more difficult due to the constraints of space. Casey recognizes many residents may be trying to simplify their lives by moving from larger estate homes. Her aim was to supply all the comforts and amenities of a kitchen in a larger home, while providing a more streamlined design in the smaller space.

The Madison Avenue kitchen features a neutral palette, richly-stained raised-panel cabinetry, moss-colored granite countertops, glass tile backsplash, and dark-stained hand-scraped wood flooring, complete with Miele appliances. ●

When it comes to organic gathering places, kitchens are at the top of the list. There is nothing like food, its creation, and creators to bring people naturally together. So, whether you are a cook or simply an observer, *TH&L* brings you some of the best kitchens in Texas.