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## A LIGHT REMODEL

More than anything, Debi Schneider wanted more natural light in her kitchen. This proved difficult during the remodel, as there was only one exterior wall. Instead of knocking down walls or adding floodlights, the architect went the one direction where he knew light would come through—up. Now, with a 23-foot ceiling and 17 clerestory windows wrapping around the perimeter, the problem is solved, and Debi Schneider's kitchen not only has more light, but also accommodates the many social events she has in her Austin, Texas, home.

"They had a party with several hundred people in their old kitchen and the traffic jams in the old space were a disaster," says Stewart Davis, AIA of CG&S Design Build, the firm that designed and built the Schneider's remodel. "Now there are multiple pathways for people to move that don't create any bottlenecks."

Other unique features of the space include limestone-clad walls, a hand-carved limestone hood over the stove and a custom light fixture above the island. While Mrs. Schneider does not cook in her new kitchen very often, she says it serves her caterer well. "I told the caterer I built it for her," she says with a smile.

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