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In Des Moines, Iowa, designer Karin Edwards creates a space that's contemporary, warm, and inviting.

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“The homeowners wanted a sleek, modern kitchen that didn’t feel cold, so we opted for warmth and light,” says designer Karin Edwards. Cabinets were removed to make way for a floor-to-ceiling window, and pale rift oak and silver fir were used in matte and glossy finishes to reflect the light. Then, in a new spin on the traditional kitchen table, she extended the island to create an inviting place for the whole family to hang out.

An elegant, well-thought-out space

- 1 DISCREET WORK AREA**
The Wolf cooktop and Kohler sink are grouped along a perimeter wall to put the focus on the table. Instead of an eye-catching backsplash, Edwards chose Porcelanosa’s Glass Blanco tile, which almost disappears.
- 2 MODERN BREAKFRONT**
Cabinets, composed into a strong geometric form, hide an appliance garage and a TV. Counters made of Samsung’s Radianz quartz neatly wrap the lower portion and are stain-resistant and easy to clean.
- 3 VERSATILE ISLAND**
The island—with a marble top at the right height for baking—turns into a table, and the change in level helps break down the bulk. Bonaldo’s Tip Toe chairs are fully upholstered—even the legs.
- 4 FAST FOOD**
Miele’s speed oven (top) can roast a turkey in an hour. “Of all the bells and whistles you can get in a kitchen, this is the one I’d recommend to everyone,” says Edwards. She paired it with Wolf’s E series 30-inch convection wall oven.
- 5 SHEEN AND TEXTURE**
A glossy finish on the wood panels that mask the refrigerator, the freezer, and a pullout pantry bounces light back into the room. Walls in white Diamond 350 paint by Glidden Professional are wipeable.



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1. CHAIR
Broom Chair in White. By Philippe Starck. \$195. dwr.com

2. SCNCE
Mesmeri LED Wall Light in White. \$575. artemide.us

3. DISHWASHER DRAWERS
Double DishDrawer. \$1,399. fisherpaykel.com

4. CUSTOM CABINETRY
Exotic Horizontal Eurolaminate in Cream Rift Oak. neffkitchens.com

5. HARDWARE
Thin Series Cabinet Handles in Brushed Steel. \$25 each. dekkorinc.com

6. TUREEN
Soup Tureen in White. \$100. lecreuset.com

7. TABLE
Parsons Table with Marble Top and Stainless Steel Base. \$1,379. crateandbarrel.com