



Summer and Jeff Seay's remodeled guest bathroom also has a Japanese flavor. Kitchens Plus designers finished the space with an Asian-style towel rack, top-mounted ceramic sink with a crackle finish, Japanese-style lights, vintage Japanese artwork, wood-framed mirror and Asian-style cabinets.

Through their travels over the years to the Far East, Jeff and Summer Seay developed a love for Japanese culture and lifestyles. When they decided to remodel the kitchen and guest bathroom in their Rancho Peñasquitos home, they knew they wanted a theme that reflected the aesthetics of Japanese design.

"We also liked the way the Japanese used Chinese and Korean influences and refined them," Summer says. After interviewing three kitchen/bath design companies, they chose Kitchens Plus of La Mesa for the remodel.

At Kitchens Plus, the Seays loved the ideas of interior designer Laura Landegent and kitchen designer Dennis Perrine. "I loved Dennis' design and Laura helped us take the design to the next

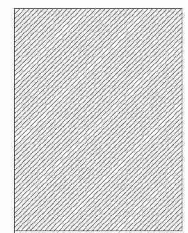
level by designing the shoji-style cabinet and pantry doors.

"We removed a dividing wall between the kitchen and dining room to create a kitchen to live in," Perrine says.

Landegent chose cherry and kaya kuku, an engineered exotic hardwood, to enhance the space's organic flow of energy and make a strong connection to nature. Natural stone and glass components are featured in the backsplash.

"All colors used in the space are taken from an earth palette," Landegent says. "From greens and muted plum to sand and rich dark brown, the colors create an atmosphere of peace and welcome." ■

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General contractor and cabinetry: Kitchens Plus, 619/466-5100

Designers: Dennis Perrine, CKD, and Laura Landegent, ASID, see above

Backsplash: Oceanside Glass Tile and mosaic slate, [www.glasstile.com](http://www.glasstile.com)

Countertops: CaesarStone honed *Champagne* and polished granite on the island top

Flooring: Kaya kuku engineered exotic hardwood installed by the Wooden Floor Company, Inc., 858/755-9663, 619/440-3543

Paint: Dunn Edwards, Pine Cone on pantry column

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