



CREATE DISTINCT SPACES WITHIN AN OPEN PLAN

Just because a home is open concept, don't give up on having distinct rooms within the space. Designers **Alykhan Velji** and **Alison Connor** of **Alykhan Velji Design** created this dynamic kitchen and dining area for homeowners who loved to entertain: white cabinetry lines the kitchen area, which transitions to a charcoal grey bar in the adjoining dining space. "It creates ample storage, but also creates a delineation between the dining room and kitchen," notes Velji. "If we'd kept it white, it would read more like a casual eating nook." Tying it all together, the range hood over the stove is clad in dark grey shiplap, picking up the same tones that are on the bar, and matte black accents feature throughout—on the faucet, drawer pulls and the lighting fixtures above the island. It all sets the stage for those bold turquoise tiles from DalTile on the backsplash. "The clients really wanted the kitchen to make an impact," says Velji. "It's the first thing people see as they walk in the room."



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