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Ebony cabinets, white quartz-surfacing counters, shiny subway tiles, and splashes of red create the strong color scheme and bold look desired by homeowner Jeanne Sellers.





# urban dreams

Vivid colors and sleek accents give this kitchen a retro vibe inspired by years spent living in New York.

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## big city style

stays with a person forever. Jeanne Sellers lived in Greenwich Village in the '40s and '50s, surrounded by artists and bohemian types living in lofts. "Styles were sharp back then, colors were stark," she says. That post-World War II era influenced the 2012 kitchen remodel for her Atlanta townhome.

When Jeanne called in designers Kelly Kole and Joann Kandrac to redo her kitchen, a black-and-red color scheme was already in her mind. "I've always liked color, so the idea of black cabinets and a red retro stove was something I kept thinking about," Jeanne says.

With its no-nonsense dark cabinets and white subway tiles, this small but dynamic kitchen brings to mind New York subway stations and corner diners in Manhattan. The designers kept the existing U-shape layout to help the budget and focused on delivering the color scheme Jeanne wanted.

A cherry-red stove with a retro look serves as the room's focal point. Although the range was a splurge, the painted Shaker-style cabinets were less than \$11,000 for the whole kitchen. Glass knobs bring more red into the room and an artistic flair. Another fun touch: a quartz-surfacing countertop with diamondlike flecks in it. "The countertops have a sparkle in them that gives a radiant appearance," Kandrac says.

The designers hired a decorative painter to add wainscoting with an industrial vibe and craft a backsplash above the sink with vibrant red poppies—one of Jeanne's favorite flowers. In the breakfast area, a white table and two black chairs mimic the look of a cosmopolitan bistro. Photos depict New York scenes.

"As a tribute to Jeanne's memories of life in NYC, I called a high school friend, John Andrusis, who does photography of the city," Kole says. "We pulled photographs from his portfolio that meant something to Jeanne—Fordham University, Yankee Stadium, the Brooklyn Bridge, and Greenwich Village—and then had John print our selections on canvas and hand-color certain areas of each photograph with red."

Other areas of Jeanne's townhome are filled with meaningful collections, but the new kitchen has stolen her heart. "My favorite place is the kitchen because it's so me," Jeanne says.

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**OPPOSITE TOP:** The U-shape layout includes a stainless-steel fridge on the room's short wall and a microwave installed within cabinetry. **OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** A custom backsplash was painted on medium-density fiberboard and applied like tile. **THIS PHOTO:** "The range really sums up Jeanne—vintage and modern at the same time," designer Joann Kandrak says.



# budget

## Appliances

Dishwasher	759
Microwave	291
Range	4,690
Refrigerator	2,539
Vent hood	811

## Cabinetry

Cabinets	10,660
Hardware	546

## Plumbing

Faucet	656
Sink	350

## Surfaces

Backsplash	560
Countertop, includes installation	2,766
Decorative painting, includes labor	1,977
Paint (ceiling and primer)	100
Refinishing flooring	930

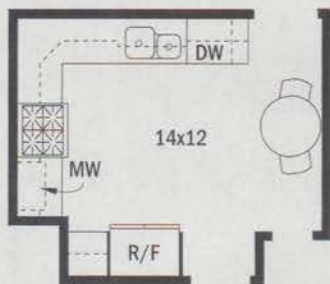
## Miscellaneous

Undercabinet lighting	325
Backsplash painting	395

**Total** **\$28,355**

*Costs do not include labor unless noted.*

## about this makeover



The refrigerator, range, and sink each anchor one leg of this townhome kitchen's efficient U-shape layout. Designers maximized storage space by extending cabinets to the ceiling.



**OPPOSITE:** "I love seeing my past," Jeanne says of the photos depicting New York scenes. **ABOVE RIGHT:** An all-in-one faucet and sprayer appeals to Jeanne's practical design philosophy. **ABOVE, FAR RIGHT:** Each handblown-glass knob is different, but all are red and artsy. **RIGHT:** A decorative painter gave the wainscoting a faux-metal finish. Streamlined pulls pop against black cabinets. **FAR RIGHT:** Red roses atop the white bistro table repeat the bold color of the range.

