



The Kitchen Lady...

Brings this **all
white** kitchen
up-to-date

This job was refreshing and fun," starts Judith Reidel, the Kitchen Lady of Locust Valley and Northport. The project she refers to is a condo kitchen remodel in Northport. "It was originally all white – white, circa 1968, high-gloss laminate cabinets up to the ceiling, 18 x 18 white ceramic tile and white laminate counter tops.

"What I did was looked at the surrounding space, including the exterior, for style and colors," continues Judith.

The homeowner wanted a rustic floor that would be low maintenance. A Travertine pattern floor from Italy was selected for its warmth and texture (and also for the fact that if you didn't sweep the floor for six months, no one would know).

Cottage-white cabinets replaced the high-gloss laminate and walls were paneled, primed and painted to match the color of the cabinetry. As an alternative to an all-tile backsplash, the paneling runs into the warm red ceramic tile backsplash which, against the Black Galaxy granite countertop from Innovative Stone, provides just the right pop of color.

A custom pedestal table by Louis Salomon fits perfectly in the breakfast nook. The chairs were glazed to match the cabinets and upholstered in a combi-



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nation floral/red and cream gingham print. The custom window treatments and shades for the chandelier complete the warm and homey feel.

Finishing touches include wrought iron fixtures which were selected for a rustic punch and quiet lighting installed over the peninsula. A few accessories were added and "now this kitchen looks like it belongs with the rest of the house," says Judith. And a long way from all-white laminate. ■

