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# 3 Feeling Blue

## Great for a Retro Remodel

This architectural 1950s archetype home was run down when purchased as a weekend retreat by entertainment lawyer and interior designer Andy Marcus of A.L.M. Interior Design and his partner Ron Diliberto. With an eye for color and lines and a knack for finding 1950s eye candy, the two set about returning a retro vibrance to the home room by room. The cool blue kitchen is just one of the rooms that has been featured in fashion photo shoots and international home design magazines, prompting Marcus to pursue his talents as a hobby. "Interior design is something that I enjoy doing in my spare time," he says. "And I have been fortunate enough to get some great press on my work so far."



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The smartly placed clock has a built-in kitchen timer.

A new coat of blue lacquer paint preserved the integrity of the original 1950s cabinets while giving them a new blue shine. Marcus then added acrylic handles from IKEA.

Though they look original to the home, the vinyl floors were inspired by those in the advertisements in 1957 issues of *Better Homes & Gardens* magazines. The couple designed the pattern, used tile from Home Depot, and installed it themselves.

The original countertops were replaced with laminate. Appliances, with the exception of the vintage electric cook top, are new.

Marcus and Diliberto designed and installed the white, blue, and black Daltile backsplash to complement the floor's tile pattern.

The pair collected the vintage Chromex spice shakers and canisters over time from local thrift stores. "I have a complete set, minus a very elusive little canister for grease that is very hard to come by," says Marcus.