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LOCAL EXPERTS BREAK DOWN THEIR DESIGNS OF SIX RESIDENTIAL KITCHENS AND BATHS

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Christopher Coleman Interior Design, Miami Beach
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After designing a colorful, dramatic kitchen for the same client, **Christopher Coleman** took a quieter direction for a second project. He extended the home's limestone floors into the kitchen to make it appear larger and to balance the black Corian backsplash, countertops and dining table.

"I prefer Corian's matte finish as opposed to glitzy granite or CaesarStone," he says, though he's also a fan of recycled paper or vibrantly colored Silestone countertops.

Keeping a budget and streamlined aesthetic in mind, he skipped cabinet pulls and installed touch-pad closures instead. Coleman says the trend is catching on. Wonderfully striped zebra wood provides the green factor, along with an interesting alternative to common maple or cherry.

"We arrived at zebra through a process of elimination, since there were so many 'Nos' because of budget and taste constraints," he says. The built-in banquette with treated fabric from B&B Italia was custom-made, while Coleman found the table base, dishes and glasses at Details at Home in Miami Beach.