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An iconic clothing brand inspires custom cabinet paneling



When designer Jillian Lay of Royalty Homes in Saskatoon, Canada, set out to redesign her sister's run-of-the-mill kitchen, she turned to fashion for inspiration. The rustic, blue-stained cabinets and the pure white countertops offer a bright, fresh look while paying homage to her sibling's go-to outfit the classic jeans-and-T-shirt combo.

"She had a hard time figuring out what she wanted," Lay says. "Knowing her interest in fashion, I wanted to bring that to life in her kitchen."

That vision takes its most stylish turn on the

appliance wall, where a Burberry-inspired pattern adds a unique flair to the custom white paneling that conceals the Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer and adjacent cabinetry. Due to their size and complexity, the MDF panels were custom milled on an industrial CNC machine, a feat that took Lay nine months to commission and complete.

A specialty white finish on the Miele Speed Oven and espresso maker (also echoed in the Bertazzoni range) completes the wall's sleek, sophisticated look.