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## Clearly Custom

In a home renovation designed by Richard Leggin Architects and executed by Macon Construction, a bow-shaped, three-tier island takes center stage in the kitchen. Since a large window over the sink reduced space for wall cabinets, kitchen designer Galen Harley of Nancy Thornett Associates incorporated wall cabinets on either side of the island. The range and refrigerator are angled to reduce the distance between key elements in the work triangle. Craftmaid custom cabinetry complements the tumbled marble backsplash and limestone floor. ■




Photo by Kenneth Wyner, courtesy of Richard Leggin Architects and Macon Construction



Ann Príncipe of K.C. Company Inc. in Beltsville says that the most welcoming foyers are flooded with natural light from leaded glass front doors and outfitted more as a room than a passageway, with benches, settees and chairs, thick lush rugs, and architectural details.

Layers of lighting help any room feel more inviting according to Nicole White, ASID lighting designer for Dominion Electric. “A chandelier looks quite glamorous but often leaves the space below feeling a little cold. Wall sconces at

eye level and buffet or table lamps offer appealing ambience.”

No longer a spot to stash outerwear and dripping umbrellas, builders and decorators are designing foyers as supplemental living spaces. 

Surrounding the arched opening from the foyer into the house with moldings gives the foyer a separate identity from the places on either side of it. In general, the wider the moldings, the more prominent the perception of differentiation.

