

# WHY THIS ROOM WORKS

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Is a Venice Beach-based designer with a serious eye for style. Her talent in blending modern design with vintage fabrics and furnishings can be seen in her Abbot Kinney showroom, TURQUOISE.



The IKEA  
**SKRUVSTA** Chair  
**\$149**  
Requires Assembly

## Vanessa Says

This exquisite kitchen is a perfect example of the space-saving, modern design that makes IKEA world famous. The kitchen is organized, practical, user-friendly and bright. Achieving all of these design elements is difficult at any price, but take a trip to your local IKEA store and you'll discover why IKEA is my most trusted source for design on a budget. Meanwhile, I'll share a few tips with you on why this room works...

### Aesthetically Striking

- The ash veneer contrasts nicely with the dark charcoal backsplash, creating depth of space.
- The stainless steel appliances blend in well with the melamine ash counters and give it a clean, modern look.

### Organized

- Keep dishes on mobile rack for easy reach.
- Place spices and oils in one drawer to keep all items in one place.
- Fill portable baskets with napkins and utensils to set the table faster.

### Practical

- The island floating in the center of the kitchen helps to create a conversation area off the living and dining space.
- Large drawers in the kitchen help to store pots and pans.
- A double sink and large faucet are great for those large hard-to-clean objects.

### User Friendly

- Placing the kitchen against the back wall creates a nice, modern separation between the cook's space and the workspace.
- Drawers are coated with an easy clean up surface.

### Good Use of Space

- Hang utensils above the sink to keep everyday items close at hand.
- Keep large bowls and cooking utensils on a display rack to make them easy to find.

### Bright

- Overhead lighting creates better visibility for chopping and preparing food.
- Pocket lights under counters enable clear viewing of small appliances.



The IKEA  
**SEPTIM** pendant lamp  
**\$24.99** /ea

The IKEA  
**BRAVAD** base cabinet  
**\$529** /ea

The IKEA  
**FLYTTA** Kitchen trolley  
**\$149**



### **BRAVAD** base cabinet \$529/ea

Two cabinets together can be used as a kitchen island, as shown here. Fully-extending drawers. Oiled solid oak worktop. Drawer fronts in white painted finish. Requires assembly. W52 x D26 3/8 x H35 3/8

**AKURUM** kitchen with TIDAHOLM oak/oak veneer doors/drawer fronts \$1975/this combination. Stained, clear lacquered solid oak and oak veneer doors. Designer: Tord Björklund. Shown with ATTEST handles. Requires assembly.

### **FLYTTA** kitchen trolley \$159

Stainless steel.  
Requires assembly.  
L38 5/8 x D22 1/2 x H33 7/8

### **SEPTIM** pendant lamp \$24.99/ea

Painted aluminum. Requires assembly. Hardware installation.