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STATEMENT

A small burst of bright blooms is an inexpensive way to add another hit of red to the room.

Sophisticated Louis XVI-style chairs with Cabernet red stripes complement the richness of the dark wooden table. The faux-leather seats stand up to wear and tear from the kids.

**VIBRANT  
RED MAKES  
FOR A  
BLAZING HOT  
KITCHEN**

**WHO**

Emma Comesotti of Philosophy Design and Tamara Wouters of Tamara Wouters Design.

**DESIGN  
PHILOSOPHY**

Both Emma and Tamara believe in helping homeowners express their own style. By spending the time to learn what excites them and makes them tick, these designers achieve beautiful personalized results.

**KITCHEN  
PROJECT**

David Eyre and his wife, owners of a brand new house in Vancouver, approached Emma and Tamara about giving their kitchen a facelift that would match the family's aesthetic and include a healthy dose of red. It would be a bold colour choice, but the design team was up for the challenge. They selected accents and fabrics in the red hue but kept the practicality and durability factor in mind – after all, the homeowners are raising three young (and very active) kids.

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STATEMENT

A dark wood and white kitchen looks truly dramatic thanks to these hand-blown Italian glass pendant lights.

**Q&A**

**What was your inspiration for using red in the kitchen?**

*The homeowners requested red and, to be honest, we were a little nervous as to how we could incorporate such a strong colour in a sophisticated way. But, then we found these perfect pendant lights, which were similar to ones the homeowners had seen in a restaurant in Mexico. They allowed us to play with the colour to create a family-friendly palette that's anything but predictable.*

**How do the homeowners use the space?**

*David and his wife are busy professionals with three young kids, so life at home is go, go, go. The kitchen needed to be a place for cooking and eating, yes, but also for crafting, working and playing. One of the benefits of using rich wood tones in a kitchen is that they're dark enough to hide scuffs and dirt.*

**What are your design tips for pairing red with wood?**

*Add in some white to keep the look fresh. And don't use just solids; try red patterns, stripes and floral prints. This lets you play with red in a more interesting way. It's also a good idea to balance the colour with a variety of materials and textures – fabrics, glass, artwork and metal accents.*