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Builder makes extensive use of matte in Parade of Homes feature home

When you like something, you like it. Homebuilder Erik Christenson knew the minute he saw samples of REHAU's matte surface, that it was ideal for the kitchen cabinets of his new home. The next-generation nanotech matte material for vertical and horizontal surfaces is opaque, anti-fingerprint and pleasantly soft to the touch, yet durable.

"I saw the matte finish and knew it would work well for the modern style I was after," says Christenson, owner of Trademark Homes in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He and interior designer Ruth Ann Scott put their heads together and decided that the surface would also be ideal for lockers in the home's mudroom and for cabinets in a basement wet bar.



"I wasn't familiar with REHAU's matte surface before this project," says Scott, owner of The Living Door, a Sioux Falls interior design firm. "I had seen stuff similar to it, but nothing of this quality. I like how sleek it is and how there is no wood grain. It's certainly different than what everyday cabinets look like."

Many builders use the surface for cabinet doors, but Christenson decided to use it for the full cabinets in all three rooms. Sherry Long a designer with Sioux Falls Kitchen & Bath who manufactured the cabinets explains, "Many of our customers are going for the sleek, modern look and also want it on all exposed sides."

Christianson selected REHAU's matte surface for the 30 kitchen cabinets. The dark black color accentuates the room's brick walls and a metal back panel on the kitchen island and metal crowns. Christenson also chose the matte surface in the adjoining mudroom. Instead of glass doors, which are common, he used wire mesh for a unique look that held true to the mix of modern and rustic that runs throughout the house.

The distinctive colors used in the project bring a fresh look to each of the three rooms, while maintaining a high-end feel that REHAU cabinets are noted for.

Christenson's home is one of the most extensive uses of REHAU's matte surface in a single-family home. Long says she appreciates that it is available in sheets larger than 96 inches, which competitors' products are not. She adds that it also ships quicker. Sioux Falls Kitchen & Bath built the cabinets and ordered the doors from REHAU cut to size with perfectly matched adhesive-free REHAU LaserEdge for a seamless finish.

"Sioux Falls is beginning to adopt a lot of the modern look and materials," says Long. She says the line is flexible enough to fit a number of different styles that homebuilders are after, and "its durability is an added benefit that every homeowner appreciates."

Construction on Christenson's home – a two-story with a walkout basement – began in August 2018 and was completed in April 2019. It is one of two designated featured homes on the Sioux Empire Spring Parade of Homes out of more than 70 homes in the spring showcase. A featured home means there is a charge to view it. Builders apply to become a featured home, and the Parade of Homes Committee votes on which houses earn that honor.

Project Type: New home, built in 2019 Builder: Trademark Homes Cabinet Manufacturer: Sioux Falls Kitchen & Bath Designer: The Living Door Distributor: Holdahl Company REHAU Products: REHAU matte surface with perfectly matched REHAU LaserEdge™ technology Photography: Cipher Imaging

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