

# Cook Construction

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**WHILE DESIGNERS** and architects are key to completing a home, the most important partner in any ground-up or renovation project is the builder. It is crucial to find a team that is detailed, dedicated and communicative and that understands design. This is what drives Cook Construction in San Francisco to be one of the best in the business. “At every touch point on every project, we make it our mission to exceed our clients’ expectations, and we do that through our approach to project management, which is very intentional and built around our core values and principles,” says Gregory Cook, chief executive officer of Cook Construction. “We’ve worked hard to build a strong preconstruction process that has proven to be of enormous value to our clients.”

Cook Construction has worked on a wide range of projects throughout the Bay Area, including expansive homes in some of San Francisco’s most challenging neighborhoods, where they’ve often faced extreme landscapes and restrictive codes. “I would have to say the biggest challenge when building in the Bay Area is the permitting process, which can be long, arduous and trying for both clients and project teams,” Cook notes. “This is where strong relationships really matter. The client needs to be able to trust that the architect and contractor are in sync. Clear, transparent communication makes all the difference, particularly during a process that can be stress-inducing.”

Aside from ensuring the process is smooth for every client, at the core of the Cook Construction mission is collaboration. They understand the importance of partnering with the most talented architects and designers, including Jeff Schlarb, Ann Lowengart, Tineke Triggs and many more, to develop projects that are elevated and unique. “Tineke Triggs was one of my earliest mentors,” Cook recalls. “She took a leap of faith by working with Cook Construction on her first San Francisco Decorator Showcase House space. Tineke is a model of fearlessness in design because she forms lasting relationships with her clients and manages to convey their life stories with her interiors. We’ll be working with her on her contribution to the 2023 Decorator Showcase as well. It’s a testament to the lasting power of a strong working relationship.”



**ABOVE:** Inside this modern Mediterranean home, the cooking cove backsplash is covered in Madrid tile by Fireclay Tile. **BELOW:** An archway frames the dining room that features a Sawkill dining table, surrounded by vintage chairs by Kai Lyngfeldt Larsen.

