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*The octagon-shaped kitchen allows for easy access from several directions and a practical and efficient layout.*

design details. "We're a hands-on design/build firm," Witalis says. "I'm proactive throughout the whole design process. I believe if you have a solid design, the actual building of the home becomes the easiest part."

That attention manifests itself in everything from small design elements such as angled staircase corners that make steps wider and more visually pleasing to major issues such as overall space planning. "What I like to do is make the best use of a home's square footage," Witalis says. "For example, we'll often take the stairs out of the foyer, which allows us to create a more intimate foyer. We then take the space usually reserved for a grand foyer and put it in the areas where the family is going to use it. This dining room, for example, has room for functional furniture and interesting angled walls." To add drama to the scaled-down foyer, Witalis adds architectural elements such as segmented arches, recessed furniture niches and elegant limestone flooring.



*The intimate breakfast area serves as an extension of the kitchen.*





