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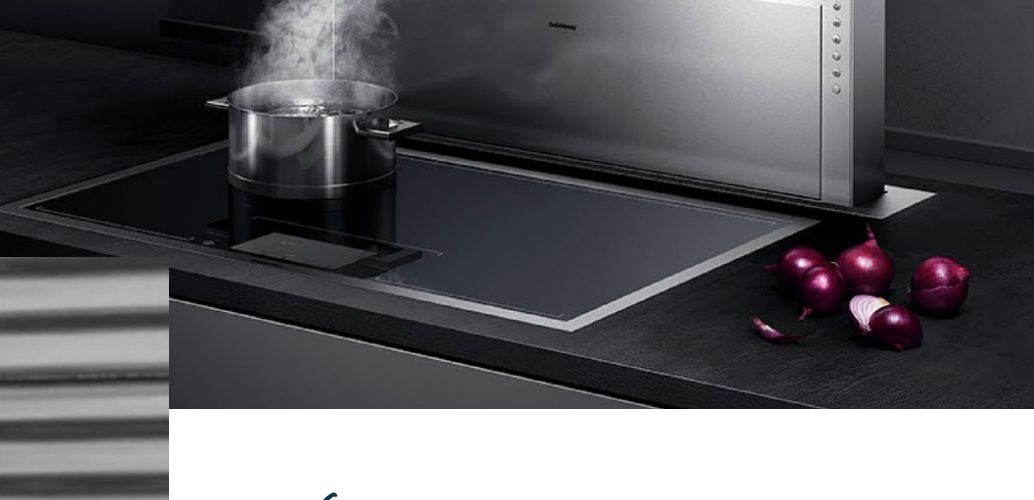
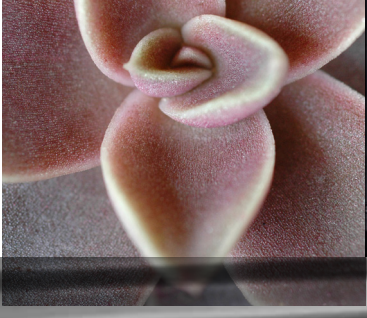
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What's next in Green Building

THE ALL-ELECTRIC HOME IS THE NEXT GENERATION OF GREEN BUILDING. WE ASKED **ROMAIN DOUSSINEAU** OF REED INTERIORS IN SANTA BARBARA TO GIVE US SOME INFORMATION ON INDUCTION COOKTOPS, WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE MODERN, ALL-ELECTRIC KITCHEN.



WHAT IS INDUCTION COOKING?

The induction cooktop is an innovative cooking system with a sleek minimalist look and remarkable power. The main feature of the induction cooktop is its operation which does not use a conventional heat source, but works thanks to a copper coil placed under each of its plates. This coil produces a magnetic field and its waves exclusively heat the container. The induction cooktop is also equipped with several safety features such as a pot detection system which allows automatic shutdown as soon as a container is removed.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE INDUCTION COOKTOP?

The induction cooktop is distinguished by its performance. It is currently the most accurate and efficient cooking system on the market. Equipped with a booster function, it is able to heat large volumes of water with extreme speed or, conversely, to provide an extremely low temperature for simmering. It also consumes 30% to 60% less energy than conventional gas and electric stovetops. Less cumbersome than a gas cooktop, it fits all kitchen sizes, even the smallest.

WILL MY POTS AND PANS WORK ON AN INDUCTION COOKTOP?

The induction cooktop requires the usage of suitable cookware made of cast iron or steel, unless you opt for saucepans with a ferromagnetic disk. To test if your pots are compatible with this cooking system, simply apply a magnet under the pan and if it remains stuck, it is possible to use the pan.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER BENEFITS WITH INDUCTION COOKING?

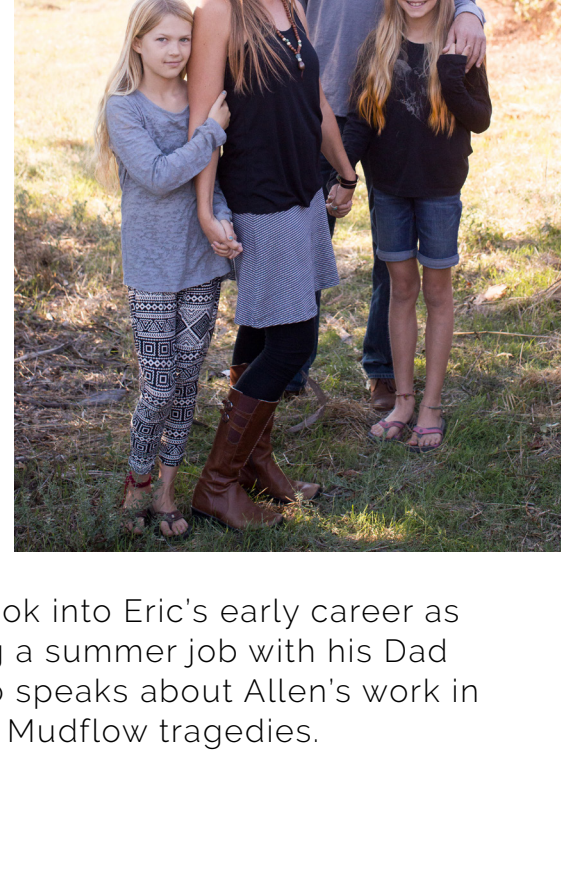
With an induction cooktop, you eat healthier. An induction cooktop heats up quicker than gas, resulting in shorter cooking times. The faster the cooking time, the more your food retains its nutritive values.

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To read more about induction cooktops, [click here](#).

Meet the Team

ERIC JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA BARBARA DIVISION, IS FEATURED IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF OJAI MONTHLY WHERE HE TALKS ABOUT EARLY MORNING SWIMS, HIS CAREER PATH AND HIS WORK AT ALLEN CONSTRUCTION



The article, titled "Reputation is Everything," gives us a look into Eric's early career as a school teacher and water polo coach and, then, turning a summer job with his Dad into a 27-year career in the construction industry. He also speaks about Allen's work in the community following the Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudflow tragedies.

See full article [here](#).

Project Spotlight

MONTECITO WHOLE HOUSE & ADU REMODEL

Working with architect partners, The Warner Group, the Allen team transformed this 4,300 sq. ft., three story, three-bedroom, five bath, Spanish Colonial style residence to meet the client's design aesthetic and make more space for entertaining. This Montecito remodel included formalizing the main entry, some small additions, and all new finishes throughout the main house. In addition, new landscaping and hardscaping, designed by Earthform Design, reflect a more formal garden setting. To accommodate guests, an existing 800 sq. ft. guesthouse/ADU was updated with a modified floorplan and the addition of a 2nd bathroom.

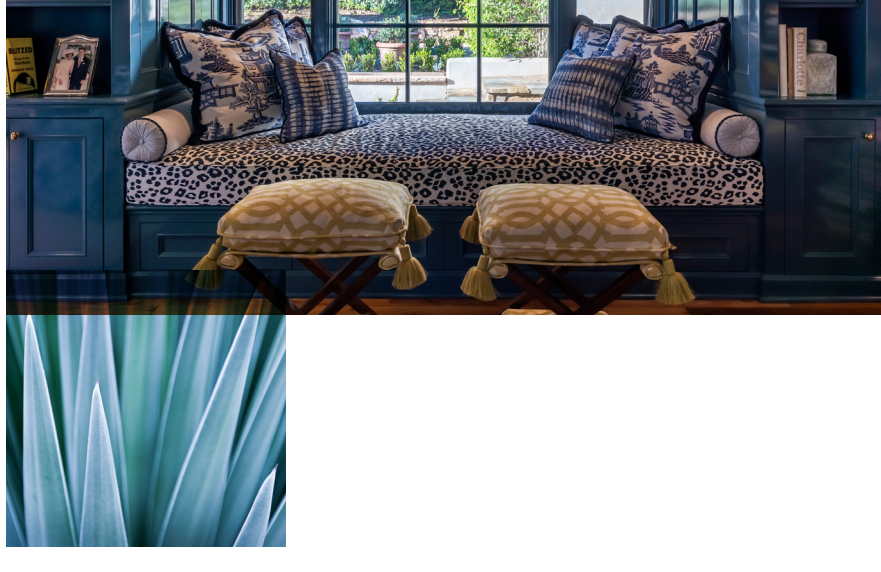
See more of this great project [here](#).

"We have immensely enjoyed working with Allen Construction on this Montecito Spanish Colonial remodel. Their craftsmanship and open communication helped make working with them such a positive experience. Allen's forte is in their relationships with subcontractors and their employees. And, their ability to work with those subcontractors and in-house trades to provide innovative solutions, knockout quality, and cost-effective pricing is what led to such a successful project."

- Chris Richards, Senior Project Designer
The Warner Group Architects, Inc.



PHOTOS BY KELLY TEICH



In the News

6 REMODELING TIPS TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE FIRE RESISTANT

Read tips from experts, including our own Eric Johnson, on things you can do now to guard your home.

Read full article [here](#).

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Building Community Together

WOMEN'S FUND OF SANTA BARBARA

Allen Construction is proud to support the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara. A collective donor group, the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara enables women to combine their charitable dollars into significant grants focused on the critical needs of women, children and families in south Santa Barbara County. The organization recently held its 15th annual "Celebration of Grants" event where they



announced the organizations they will be supporting in 2019. We are honored to join our clients in supporting this great organization that does such wonderful things in our community.

National Home Improvement Month

MAY IS NATIONAL HOME IMPROVEMENT MONTH! CHECK OUT THESE REMODELING PROJECTS FOR SOME INSPIRATION.

Click [here](#).