Yes, the Angular Material Navigation schematic can be customized to create a horizontal, top navigation bar instead of the default vertical side navigation. Here's how you can modify it:

1. **Generate the Navigation Schematic**: Run the Angular CLI command to generate the default navigation schematic:
2. ng generate @angular/material:navigation navigation-component
3. **Modify the HTML Structure**: Open the generated navigation.component.html file and adjust the layout to use a **MatToolbar** for horizontal navigation. Replace the default <mat-sidenav> and <mat-drawer-container> structure with something like this:
4. <mat-toolbar color="primary">
5. <button mat-button>Home</button>
6. <button mat-button>About</button>
7. <button mat-button>Contact</button>
8. </mat-toolbar>
9. **Adjust the Styling**: Update the navigation.component.scss (or .css) file to style the toolbar and buttons as needed:
10. mat-toolbar {
11. display: flex;
12. justify-content: space-between;
13. }
14. **Remove SideNav Dependencies**: If you’re not using the side navigation, remove unused imports like MatSidenavModule from the module file (e.g., navigation.module.ts) and replace them with MatToolbarModule and MatButtonModule:
15. import { MatToolbarModule } from '@angular/material/toolbar';
16. import { MatButtonModule } from '@angular/material/button';
17. **Optional: Add Responsive Behavior**: For responsive navigation, use Angular Material's **MatMenu** for dropdowns or dynamically adjust the toolbar layout with Angular Flex Layout or CSS media queries.
18. **Test and Adjust**: Run your application and tweak the styling or layout as needed to align with your design requirements.

If you want a pre-configured horizontal navigation template, you can also modify an Angular Material Starter Template or explore third-party examples for inspiration. Let me know if you'd like an example for responsive behavior or dropdown menus!