

Ultimate Decorating



Some kitchens—and this is one—have “home” written all over them. As cheerful as a cookie jar, this room evokes an upbeat, sunny mood with just a few splashes of bright color and a whole lot of traditional cabinetry. Most of the appliances stay hidden behind matching panels, giving the space a more finished, clean-lined look. Still, from the vibrant-colored pottery on the open shelves to the fabrics, this is a place geared for nurturing: It has good food, a comfy window seat, and interesting nooks and corners, like a mini-breakfast bar for snacks. Adjoining an elegant great room with a fireplace, the kitchen maintains a more simple, down-to-earth demeanor. The wood floor may connect the two spaces, but their personalities are vastly different. Think cocktails by the handsome hearth and hot chocolate with marshmallows in this totally inviting kitchen.

Right: Wall ovens—located next to the baking station—take on any number of cooking chores simultaneously. Canisters hold flour and sugar; equipment such as rolling pins and pans are in the cupboard and drawers below. Detailing on the upper cabinets is reminiscent of the Arts and Crafts style.



Opposite: Beadboard cabinet fronts and bin pulls help deliver a traditional feel for the spacious room. And they make a great cover for the fridge. Should a child—or mom—want to rest, they can stretch out on the window seat for a few minutes.

Designer: Louis Nardolillo, CKD; Manufacturer: Heritage Custom Kitchens



Above: Planned as an adjunct perch for two, the tiny granite breakfast bar welcomes early-morning or late-night visitors. Beadboard on the island's base complements the cabinets' style. Yellow pillows are additional rays of sunshine.

