

10 things to love about this kitchen



Provincial Charm

A sunlit showhouse kitchen features rustic elements that infuse the space with an informal country French feel.

1. START FRESH

Kitchen designer Regina Garcia paired the formal, elegant style of a Parisian townhome with a more casual country French kitchen in this Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, showhouse. Old bricks,

refurbished wood beams, tumbled stone tile, copper fixtures, distressed wood cabinets, and beaded-board paneling give this new space a rustic, aged feel. The mix of cabinet colors also produces a gathered-over-time look.

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2. AGED TO PERFECTION

Above the professional-style range, a custom hood with an aged copper finish looks like it's been

there for centuries. The tumbled-tile backsplash continues the room's timeworn style. Mounted to the wall in a recessed niche, a pot-filler faucet

eases meal preparations by delivering water right where it's needed. The niche also houses cooking oils and spices, keeping them within reach.

3. REWORKED WOOD BEAMS

Distressed pine paneling on the island is a near match to the ceiling's vintage

pine beams, which were salvaged from a North Carolina barn. Given new life, the beams function as both structural and decorative elements.

4. STORE MORE

Appliance garages and tall cabinets flank the cabinetry-paneled refrigerator. An open shelf above breaks up the wall of cabinetry and displays baskets and collectibles.

Garcia chose two tones of cabinetry to create contrast. "Since the countertops are so dark, I varied the cabinetry colors so the room wouldn't look monochromatic," Garcia says.



5. DIG INTO THE DETAILS

The island's copper single-lever faucet, filtered-water faucet, and soap dispenser match the finish

of the apron-front sink, all of which bring vintage style to the kitchen. Dark honed-marble countertops with light-color veining provide luxurious work

surfaces throughout the space that are also very durable. And the thick stone lends a feeling of permanence that suits the kitchen's aged look.

6. LIGHT IT UP

In addition to recessed lights in the ceiling, a series of pendants with the same copper patina as the range hood illuminates

the island. A vintage-style black-and-white chandelier offers a softer look in the breakfast room, and complements the sconces in the pantry.

7. BRICK FLOORS

The beautiful, smooth sheen of the Brazilian walnut flooring in the open kitchen contrasts with the antique brick that brings

charming texture to the sunny breakfast nook. Garcia says she “over-grouted” the herringbone-pattern brick floor to make it look old.

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8. SUNNY SPOT

Beside the kitchen is a sun-splashed breakfast room. Translucent café curtains dress the tall windows. An upholstered bench with nailhead trim rides on casters so it can be moved easily.

9. MILLWORK

Wide wood moldings accentuate the ceiling, doors, and windows—timeless touches that point out the grandeur of the space and harmonize with more formal elements in the rest of the house.



10. SIP CENTER

A lighted undercounter wine cooler is surrounded by generous built-in storage in the 6x8-foot butler's pantry. The two-tone cabinetry

design repeats the look of the main kitchen. This area flows into both the kitchen and dining room, a convenient location for guests to mingle and help themselves to a glass of

wine during parties. The backsplash uses the same stone tile as the kitchen's range niche. Copper hardware completes the timeless look. **KBI**

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