

HEART OF THE HOME

THE KITCHEN IS ARGUABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ROOM IN THE HOUSE: A PLACE TO COOK, CONGREGATE, RELAX AND ENTERTAIN. WITH THESE PROJECTS—BOTH CLASSIC AND CONTEMPORARY—LOCAL DESIGNERS SHARE THE RESOURCES AND PHILOSOPHIES THAT PULLED TOGETHER SOME OF THEIR MOST SUCCESSFUL SPACES.

Barovier light fixtures from L'Antiquaire in Westport, CT, were the first purchase made for this project by DB Design. The grays and whites of the three-inch statuary marble from Rye Marble on the island inspired the color scheme for the rest of the kitchen.

A bulletin board over the desk was made with a Kravet striped fabric that matches the chair- and island bench-backs. The banquette and chair seats are upholstered in a Designers Guild vinyl.



DB DESIGN

Designer Diana Byrne created this Rye, NY, kitchen for a busy family with four daughters. They wanted a light and soft feel combined with funky and raw elements. The custom-painted Tabarka Tiempo floor tiles from Ann Sacks were a game changer; they united the color scheme and provided a unique quality. Other highlights include an Ann Sacks brushed aluminum backsplash and Waterworks fixtures in Polished Nickel. dbdesigninc.com

JANE BEILES



ST. CHARLES OF NEW YORK

Designer Karen Williams created a special white kitchen for a family-friendly home in Scarsdale, NY. It is as functional as it is beautiful—resilient and durable yet feminine and soft. The design features multiple layers of fine Calacatta marble, a French La Cornue range and marble-clad walls. stcharlesofnewyork.com

Design details include an elegantly curved backsplash and grooves carved into the stone sink-side for effortless drying.





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The centerpiece of the cooking area is the mammoth copper and faux-stone hood, with a chocolate brown range below.



DEANE INC.

New construction in the style of an Old English Manor House located in Darien, CT, beckoned for a kitchen in a similar style. Kitchen designer Mollie Rhodes and interior designer Patty Carmody selected a warm, reclaimed wormy chestnut for the cabinetry and old wood beams on the ceiling to add the charming feel of stepping back into another era. Mullioned wall cabinets in the butler's pantry (above) with German antique glass are paired with a backsplash of framed antique mirror. deaneinc.com

The Café Kitchen at far right includes a coffee maker, refrigerated drawers and a concealed worktop for small appliances behind aircraft-style lift-up doors.

WHEELOCK DESIGN ASSOCIATES

This coastal contemporary residence is set on the waterfront of Greenwich Cove in Old Greenwich, CT. Kitchen designer Chuck Wheelock successfully combined traditional cabinetry painted in Benjamin Moore's White Dove with an unexpected cerused oak breakfast bar, Café Kitchen cabinet and modern hood. Other highlights include Porcelanosa's "Stark Grey" glass tile backsplash, driftwood stained white oak flooring and Caesarstone's "Frosty Carrina" quartz countertop on the breakfast bar with waterfall edge. chuckwheelock.com

KYLE NORTON

The butler's pantry features a black granite farmhouse sink and zinc countertops from Brooks Custom in Mt. Kisco, NY.

KYLE TIMOTHY HOME LLC

For a home in Westchester County, interior designer Kyle Timothy Blood created a kitchen that bridges the house's Victorian style with a modern aesthetic. He customized the show-stopping glass mosaic created by Alison Eden Studios at Artistic Tile. Christopher Peacock provided the Oak cabinetry with polished nickel hardware that disguises the dishwasher and trash receptacles. kyletimothy.com

ERIC STRIFFLER



The custom wood and glass cabinet doors were created to match the Claridges backsplash pattern.

ARTISTIC TILE

Design associate Geralyn Starrantino at Artistic Tile helped create this stunning kitchen for a residence in Port Washington, NY (Long Island). The backsplash pattern is Claridges Thassos Polished Waterjet Mosaic, and the backsplash tiles are Claridges Thassos Polished 3 x 6 Field Tile, both sold through Artistic Tile. artistictile.com