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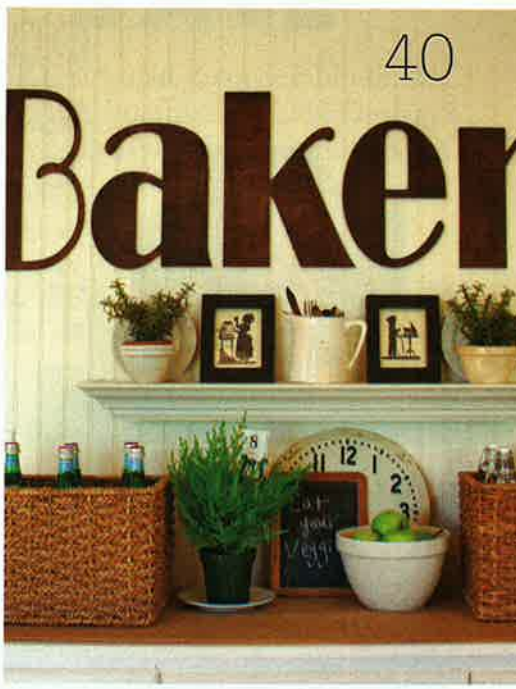

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This coastal-themed kitchen from Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry features a customized island, buffet and butler's pantry, as well as a deep, recessed range with a whimsical backsplash.

Details of Note

Island: Painted in cerulean blue, the island is the star of this kitchen and features dual countertops: hardwood with a deep under-mount prep sink on one side and a marble eat-in area on the other. The island's supporting cast consists of gleaming white cabinetry, adding to the consistent, polished look of the entire space.

Mantel Hood: A stunning mantel hood is made even more elegant with a cornice that matches the buffet and butler's pantry, as well as recessed mini-track lighting that casts a subtle glow.

Lighting: A matching trio of nautical-inspired bulkhead light fixtures accentuates the theme of the kitchen, while adding necessary function.

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Regal yet approachable, this space features all that is exquisite in kitchen design.

Symmetrical open cabinets flank the sink for balance, while bracket shelves add dimension to the backsplash.

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Details of Note

Cornices and Half-columns: The exquisite, intricately detailed cornices and half-columns incorporated into the cabinetry are the focal points of this kitchen. They add refinement without overpowering the space and complement the simple raised-panel cabinet doors and drawers.

Farmhouse Sink: While an unadorned farmhouse sink would have worked fine in this kitchen, this Ribchester double-bowl sink adds visual interest and plays off the white subway-tile backsplash.

Hidden Storage: Making use of every available inch of space is key in functional kitchen design. A narrow pullout spice rack blends seamlessly into the cabinetry while adding necessary and convenient storage.

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A rustic French Country-themed kitchen merges Old-World style with class and sophistication. The midnight blue and antique white color scheme are a winning combination, blending a soft palette with a punch of dramatic flair.

Details of Note

Exposed Pullout Shelves: It doesn't get any easier than having pots and pans at the ready thanks to exposed sliding shelves located directly beneath the cooktop. This detail works well thanks in part to the rustic atmosphere of the overall design.

Over-Sink Shelf: This over-sink built-in shelf can serve both decorative and utilitarian functions. The plate rack and beadboard creates texture and visual interest, while adding to the country aesthetic.

Framed Backsplash: The framed tile backsplash is especially unique because it matches the paint finish of the cabinetry design. This homeowner chose not to tile the entire space, opting to add some dimension with a darker though complementary shade of taupe.

[Detail Oriented]

Need some assistance learning how to select the right details for your kitchen? These tips can help.

- **Know your aesthetic.** Make sure you have settled on your primary design scheme (modern, rustic, traditional, etc.) before moving on to the details. This will ensure that you match the appropriate details to your design.
- **Request samples.** Not sure if the tile you like will work for your backsplash? Most companies provide samples for free or a nominal price so that you can take them home to get a better sense of how the items will represent in your design.
- **Ask an expert.** You may not need to hire an interior designer for the entire project, but bringing in a professional consultant for a one-time evaluation might provide you with enough insight to execute the design yourself.

SHOPPING Guide

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Casa 8-light island pendant and pot rack in Olde Black, $938.90; Plantation 3-light chandelier with clear optic glass shades in pearl bronze, $389.99; Mid-century Bloom flush ceiling light with etched glass shade in polished nickel, $129.99; Sussex flush ceiling light with fabric drum shade in brushed nickel, $217.99; Copenhagen dinette 3-light chandelier in antique nickel, $339.99; all from House of Antique Hardware: (888) 223-2545 or houseofantiquehardware.com. Bayside adjustable sconce in polished nickel, $415; Bungalow 3-light pendant, $455; both by Barn Light Electric Co.: (800) 407-8784 or barnlightelectric.com.

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