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Right at home

The appeal of a warm, country-inspired kitchen endures over time. Open shelves, pots hung within easy reach, and a large table for casual dining are feel-good factors that never go out of style

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Gather together

A traditional kitchen that meets the needs of family members, and reflects the period of the home, is a success on all fronts

For a kitchen to be truly the heart of the home it must not only reflect the lifestyle of the family, but also complement the overall interior decor. In an older house, says Jennifer Gilmer, CKD, this means hiding contemporary functionality behind traditional materials and detailing.

“The homeowners wanted a family kitchen that felt warm and welcoming – almost a cottage kitchen,” says Gilmer. “But this house has a certain formality. It’s a typical large, older home with a big wrap-around front porch.”

The owners asked for creamy white painted cabinets, so Gilmer chose soapstone countertops and sinks as a contrast. The durable surface is perfect for a working kitchen. Toile de Jouy blinds on the many windows repeat both colors, adding a touch of European panache to the space.

Two sinks and professional-grade appliances mean that the family can easily cater for a crowd – which is often the case, when extended family and friends gather around the expandable farmhouse-style table for informal meals.

Designer: Jennifer Gilmer, CKD
Jennifer Gilmer Kitchen & Bath (Chevy Chase, MD)
Cabinets: Maple, by Sterling Custom Cabinetry
Countertops and primary sink: Honed soapstone by R Bratti Associates
Prep sink and disposal unit: Franke
Refrigeration: Sub-Zero
Range and oven: Wolf
Microwave: Kitchen Aid
Dishwasher: Miele
Ventilation: Rangelcraft

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Previous page: This kitchen, by Jennifer Gilmer, is in a large older home. The high-powered ventilation hood above the stove is hidden by traditional crown molding, reminiscent of a mantelpiece. The pot rack is custom-designed by Kelley Metal. Behind the cooktop, an antique fireplace cover has been used as a backsplash.

These pages: The windows in this kitchen made upper cabinets impossible. Open shelving solves the storage problem. The beadboard on those walls is a typical period detail. To the right of the sink, integrated door panels disguise the full-size refrigerator and the freezer drawers.