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Getting meals together for homemaker Chantal's three hungry children, ages eight, four, and two—plus entertaining for the family's grown-up friends—really taxed her kitchen. “I felt like I was running a restaurant,” she said. But renovation plans for the suburban 1960s home got put on hold when Chantal and husband Jeff's youngest child was born with a heart defect requiring surgery. “He's doing great now,” says *Home* contributing editor Candice Olson, who, with her team, created a stylish yet relaxed place for Chantal to cook for her brood while watching over them. Olson first removed a wall separating the kitchen from the family room and blocking views to the garden, where the kids love to play. She then fashioned a great room—kitchen where old-fashioned built-ins partner with pro-grade appliances. “I still feel like I run that restaurant,” Chantal said. “But now I like going to work!”

◀ behind the scenes

1. Formerly, a wall blocked off the kitchen from the adjoining family room and views to the backyard. **2.** Above the island, built where the wall had been, designer Candice Olson and electrician Chico Garcia hang schoolhouse-style pendants. **3.** Sewing pro Terry Briceland shows Olson the cushion fabric for the nearby family room; the gold-checked pattern complements the kitchen's backsplash tiles. **4.** Olson, Briceland, and contractor Lorne Hogan test the adjustable heights of the island's bar stools.



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■ OUR DESIGN ACE TURNS A SMALL KITCHEN INTO A GATHERING SPOT FOR A GROWING FAMILY

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FARM FRESH Candice Olson and her crew crafted the 8x3½-foot dark-chocolate-stained walnut island to evoke “the look of a harvest table in an old farmhouse,” complete with turned legs and a brown-flecked granite top that balance cream-toned wall cabinets with honed-quartz counters. Bentwood bar stools adjust via chromed hydraulic lifts. On the walls, 1x2-inch iridescent glass tiles in caramel, cream, and blue harmonize with the colors of the kitchen and its views.

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behind the scenes

1. Dated appliances and cabinets crowded the once walled-off kitchen.
2. Olson and painting pro Andrew Downward review the design for the chalkboard on the refrigerator's paneled side.
3. Olson admires how the woven-wood window blinds complement the backsplash and the floor.



DISAPPEARING ACT

Above the island, following the line of a wall that previously separated the kitchen from the family room, the Divine Design team installed a beam to support the home's upper floor. Encasing it is a 2-foot-wide bulkhead that extends 10 inches down from the 8-foot ceiling and encloses new plumbing for an upstairs bath as well as the recessed fixtures and wiring for the fluted-glass pendant lights. On the opposite wall, above the five-burner stainless steel gas cooktop, is a 3-foot-wide chimney-style vent hood, which Candice Olson selected because "its relatively low profile doesn't dominate the space."



HOT SPOT

An 8x5½-foot alcove previously occupied by a cramped breakfast table and an awkward-to-access pantry became an ideal place to group the refrigerator, at far right, disguised by wood paneling to match the cabinetry, along with stacked double ovens and a warming drawer—plus a microwave oven tucked snugly underneath the counter. Open cookbook shelving atop the ovens, and a pair of glass cupboard doors offering a glimpse of white china serving pieces above the microwave, “help to break up the expanse of painted-wood cabinetry and give the kitchen a more varied look,” says Olson.

floor plan



Removing a wall where the island now stands created a rectangular 18x26-foot space shared by the kitchen and family room, plus a small bump-out that Candice Olson and her team transformed from a breakfast nook to an area occupied by ovens and storage. The new layout allows for a relaxed interplay between the casual seating area, the island with its bar stools and work space, and the cooking stations beyond. A prefinished, antiqued, caramel-stained hickory floor unites the two spaces, and 12x12-inch squares of cream-colored tumbled marble form a 2-foot-wide border along the wall where new sliding glass doors lead to the backyard.



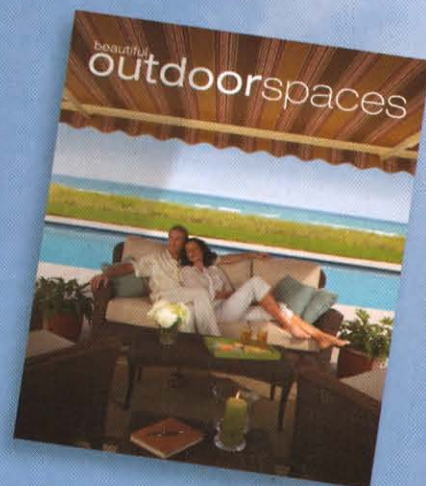
divine details

1. Mounted above the counter, a 33x22-inch enameled cast-iron sink maximizes cleanup space. Working in tandem with a single-hole faucet with a high, arched, swiveling spigot, the sink's right-hand 9-inch-deep side is ideal for filling big pots; the 4½-inch-deep side of the single, stepped basin is efficient for quick rinsing and also functions as a draining area.

2. A curving ogee edge on the island's granite counter, along with its pewter-finished hardware and its applied base trim with a recessed-cutout kick space, helps the custom-built feature look as if it were converted from a piece of antique furniture.

Tune in to HGTV to watch Divine Design with Candice Olson, including episode #1213, featured here: "Chantal's Kitchen." Check local listings, hgtv.com, or divinedesign.tv for airdates.

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