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A 1950 ranch becomes an artist's haven and a gathering place. **By Katherine Gustafson**

RENOVATING THIS 1950 neoclassical ranch house on a large lot in the heart of Nashville, Tennessee, came with its share of unique challenges. Among them were zoning regulations that prevented expansion of the 5,132-square-foot home.

For Erin Cypress, the project's architect from Pfeffer Torode Architecture, that meant taking the house down to the studs, to rid it of "that old, heavy, ranch-hallway aesthetic." She needed flexibility to design a welcoming home for her artist client, who splits her time between New York and Nashville.

Cypress fully redesigned the kitchen and, evoking houses in the past, added two gathering spaces adjoining it—a "keeping room," or casual living space, and an "orangery," or sunroom.

EASY, ELEGANT ENTERTAINING A kitchen that invited togetherness and socializing was a priority for the homeowner, whose three grown daughters live in New York but visit Nashville periodically.

"She wanted them all to be able to hang out and be close together," says Cypress. "Having a kitchen with a keeping room adjacent to it was a critical component."

The keeping room leads off the kitchen through a cased opening. The sunroom, connected to the keeping room and around the corner from the kitchen, offers a casual seating area, a breakfast table, and views over the garden. The three rooms together form a casually elegant setting perfect for family time and for social gatherings.



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feature a dark navy blue. For the lower cabinets and pantry, they chose a blue so dark it's almost black. Schramm used recessed, directional art lighting to keep it from reading too dark.

"Everyone is so afraid of a dark kitchen—or any dark room, really," he says. "I tell people, you don't have to be afraid of dark colors. No one thinks my kitchen is dark."

MIX TRADITIONAL WITH THE NEW.

The color of the cabinets is a modern touch in the old house, as are other elements in the kitchen. The plaster hood, the light fixture over the sink, and the wallpaper—a fresh take on an Arts & Crafts pattern—are contemporary notes.

Other features are distinctly traditional, especially the handmade wall tiles and cabinet design: cabinets meet the floor without a modern toe-kick. Some fixtures and fittings, too, are traditional, such as the piping that supports a set of upper shelves, which echoes brasswork found in 19th-century French bistros.

"Every time I would make a traditional decision, I would try to make a modern decision to go with it," Schramm says.

Old and new blend seamlessly in this small yet stately renovation, and Schramm couldn't be happier.

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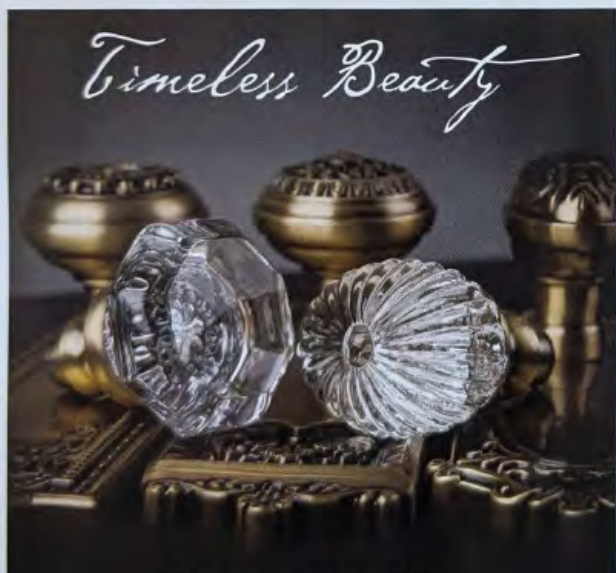

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