

## Brass Act

The classic white kitchen goes glam with metallic accents and a dash of color

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Reclaimed beams and white-oak flooring lend earthy undertones to Monica Eastin's Dallas kitchen. The elegance of a marble-look backsplash meshes with feminine sparkle conveyed by Tom Dixon pendants, a brass-banded range hood by Modern-Aire, bar stools by Gabby Home, and hardware custom-plated by local artisans.



saw the navy blue I knew would be perfect on the perimeter cabinets.”

She had big cards painted with Sherwin-Williams “Outerspace” and left them hanging in the kitchen until she and Monica were sure the color looked good at all times of day.

The final layer of pizzazz comes from a mélange of brass, from the pendants to bar stools—and a showstopping La Cornue range.

“I saw Monica eyeing it in the showroom,” Farrow says. “She told me, ‘That’s what I want. It’s so pretty.’ I couldn’t argue with that. Holy cow—it’s beautiful!”

All the head-turning beauty could make it easy to overlook the kitchen’s function, but it’s there—in spades.

“I wanted the space to flow so we didn’t have the problem of people gathering in

the kitchen and blocking the way to the refrigerator or oven,” Monica says.

A smart floor plan moves traffic to the adjacent family room as it also establishes distinct zones in the kitchen. A galley-style work area includes the range, ovens, and main sink. On the opposite side of the room, a breakfast area is serviced by a second sink and dishwasher. A cold-storage wall made beautiful by blue, furniture-style cabinets bridges the two spaces and keeps beverages handy for anyone at the island.

“The kids like to sit there and do their homework or have a snack,” Monica says, “so it’s really convenient.”

Cabinets built into the island hold her baking pans, panini press, and party supplies. Other cabinets boast pullout drawers

with pegs that keep essentials in place and at hand. “I’m never digging in the back of a cabinet,” Monica says. Built-in electrical outlets mean the toaster and coffeemaker can stay in their home cabinets rather than take up counter space. There are even built-in bins for trash and recyclables.

“I have to be organized for my brain to work,” Monica says. “I love how everything in this kitchen is thought-out. That makes it work perfectly for the way we live.”

**Kitchen designer:** Morgan Farrow

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Family room Flowing from the kitchen, the family room beckons with great views and comfortable furniture, including rolling ottomans that pull out for game night. Glass art on the walls adds a playful punch.