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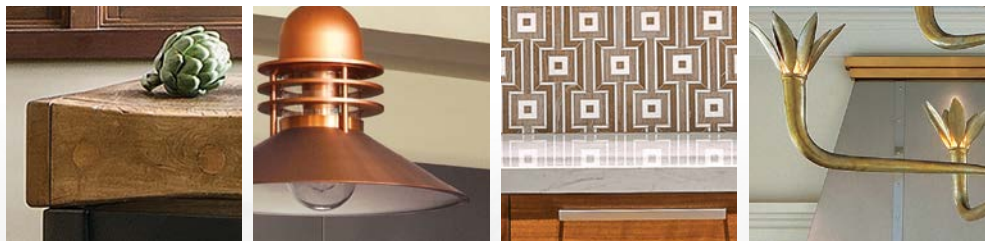
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Ultimate kitchens from
the country's top designers

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KITCHEN ENCOUNTERS



IF ONE ROOM in the house best captures the spirit of its inhabitants, it is the kitchen. The truest character witness of them all, the kitchen reveals personal preferences and individual tastes through the distinct requirements of its users. Whatever the specifications—antique flooring, oversize windows, a range with just the right cooktop configuration—it is a space for gathering and feasting, for experimenting with new ideas or finding comfort in familiar rituals. Most of all, it is a place for every day.

Not that *every day* means everyday design. As the center of our stylish domestic universe, the kitchen is also a well-appointed room, no longer an area just for cookery and machinery. Interior architecture and design bring endless options to the space, which might be dressed in cabinetry that borrows elegant details from furniture craftsmanship or be outfitted with appliances that either quietly recede or appear chic enough to stand on their own.

Here, we present seven standout kitchens that suggest the wide array of possibilities. Featuring everything from unique materials and custom furnishings to must-have elements for the gourmand or the hostess, these interior designer-driven spaces exemplify why the kitchen is everyone's favorite room in the house. **BY ARIANNE NARDO**

FROM TOP LEFT: ROBERT CANFIELD; ROGER DAVIES; DOUG BURKE; ERIC VAN DEN BRULLE



DOUG BURKE

“ The inspiration was a clean-lined aesthetic that needed to have a lot of function—utility—and at the same time be playful, because it’s a vacation home and the clients have young children.

—LYNSEY HUMPHREY



GREAT ESCAPE

Custom elements, such as premium walnut cabinetry, pendants by the Urban Electric Co., and the graphic marble-and-natural-stone backsplash, lend great character to the kitchen of this Deer Valley, Utah, home. The island’s design features a counter-height surface for food preparation and a bar-height area for casual dining.

DESIGN TEAM

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RESOURCES

Tile by Walker Zanger; appliances by Sub-Zero and Wolf; pendant lights by the Urban Electric Co.; plumbing fixtures by Waterstone



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