

Dream

Inspiration of the month

Authentic materials, such as shiplap boards, unlacquered brass, and earthy lime plaster, temper sleek, statement-making marble to create a modern-meets-old-world kitchen. Designer Kaitlin McQuaide introduced a few nautical touches—a porthole mirror in the door, latches on upper cabinets—to play off the home's coastal location without getting overly thematic.



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Historical FLAVOR

We're captivated by this cozy Nantucket kitchen that embraces its early-20th-century roots without being stuck in the past.

The Dream List



"There's a lot going on in this kitchen, but choosing calm colors in a limited palette keeps it from feeling overwhelming," McQuaide says.

1 TEXTURAL GROUND

Instead of defaulting to painted drywall, create a backdrop with depth. McQuaide adds texture and age by wrapping the space in paneling. The modest material references the home's circa-1900 history and seaside location while establishing a laid-back air. The lime plaster range hood is also authentic in a home of this provenance. You can achieve a similar suedelike look with limewash paint.

2 MATERIAL MIX

Avoid one-note schemes by choosing unexpected pairings that generate drama. To contrast the wood planks, McQuaide used sleek slabs of robust-vein marble as the room's showstopping focal point, making the kitchen fresh rather than fusty. (Quartz, porcelain, and laminate surfaces can be less-expensive alternatives.) Handmade ceramic pendants, *left*, with utilitarian chains accentuate the high-contrast effect.

3 IMPERFECT PATINA

Incorporating living finishes imbues this recently renovated kitchen with a sense of age that nods to its origins. "Mix in your older things for instant patina," the designer advises. The homeowner's dinged-up pine table, *left*, will continue to collect marks and scratches, as will the honed marble countertops. Unlacquered brass hardware darkens over time; the leather chairs will garner wear, too, taking on a handsome burnished quality. □

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Opt for pendants made from organic materials in simple shapes to lend modernity to an otherwise historical kitchen.



CERAMIC
Rustic (4.73"H×10"D), \$185; baradaxceramics.etsy.com



PAPIER-MÂCHÉ
Sadie by Splendor Home (11.8"H×10.25"D), \$141; target.com



MICROCEMENT
Wavy in Khaki (5.9"H×9.8"D), \$189; dekoorlight.com



CONCRETE
Billie (16"H×10.5"D), \$200; dearkeaton.com