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10 ideas to steal from this kitchen

Get inspired by the fresh twists and color tricks inside this California home.


Cynthia Patton and Patrick Robison had always planned to trade in their compact 1950s home in Los Angeles, CA, for bigger digs. But after 14 years, the couple decided to improve rather than move, so they embarked on an ambitious reno that doubled their square footage and added a second floor. As the house was transformed from a rancher to a Cape Cod, the kitchen gained a larger footprint—and an equally big personality. Topping the wish list they gave architect Joan Swartz and interior designer Alison Kandler: plenty of space for meal prep, a cheery breakfast room, and lots of vivid blue. “It’s my favorite color,” says Cynthia. Now the revamped kitchen works hard—Cynthia and Patrick are both enthusiastic cooks who like to make from-scratch family dinners and special dishes for get-togethers—but is still a happy and comfortable space. “It’s not so precious that we’re afraid to make a mess,” says Cynthia.

1 hang colorful shades mid-window

For a double pop of pattern, graphic Thibaut fabric is used two ways: sewn into valances and laminated as simple roller shades. The valances are positioned low to maximize light.

4 customize an island

The island matches the style and color of the lower cabinets, creating a cohesive look. Tight on space? Buy a rolling unit, and paint the base the same color as your cabinets.



2 supersize the lighting

At more than 4 feet wide, the Circa Lighting fixture doesn't look wimpy above the 6-foot island. A trio of large pendants would deliver a similar effect.

3 give classic tile oomph

Pillowed subway tiles from Contempo Tile & Marble in Los Angeles puff out slightly, putting a fresh spin on a traditional backsplash.

6 paint cabinets two colors

"My last kitchen was all white, so I wanted to switch things up with this one," says Cynthia. She picked navy for the lower cabinets and white for the uppers (Blue Earth and Droplets, both by Dunn-Edwards).

5 bring in barstools that look like chairs

Sleek backless stools would have pushed the kitchen more modern, so Cynthia chose high bistro-style woven chairs to play up the room's charm. They're comfortable for long stretches of sitting, too.

**7 mismatch
light fixtures**

A Currey & Company bamboo chandelier gives the space character and “repeats the X motif on the light fixture above the island and on the pantry door,” says designer Alison.

**9 pair vintage chairs
with a new table**

The barley-twist-leg chairs used to be light wood, but Cynthia thought they looked dated, so she had them painted white (Droplets by Dunn-Edwards) and the seats recovered with faux leather from JAB Anstoetz. They're teamed with a cherry pedestal table by Grange.

8 boost the charm factor

Beadboard paneling, wallpaper from Martyn Lawrence Bullard, and a transom window spanning the doorway bring old-world appeal to a modern-day renovation.



10 don't hide the food

For the new pantry, a crossbuck door with a glass panel creates country-store charm and encourages staying organized.

Cynthia and Patrick with their son, Garrett, 13, and daughter, Sarah, 20



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We have a dining room but usually end up at the round table even when friends come over. It's better for conversation!

”

—Cynthia

now get the look



light fixture

Bamboo Lattice Cage 28"H x 25"-diameter rattan and iron chandelier, \$1,370, shadesoflight.com



glasses

Impulse 8-ounce glasses in cobalt, \$29 for a set of 4, allmodern.com



wallpaper

Martyn Lawrence Bullard Design Sultans Garden wallpaper in saffron, \$182 for a single roll, decorativebuyingservice.com for buying info



window shade fabric

Lucas linen-blend fabric in coral, \$80 per yard, thibautdesign.com for stores



table

Simone 30"H x 54"-diameter recycled-wood dining table in gray, \$1,300, lampsplus.com



cabinet paint

Blue Earth by Dunn-Edwards



stockpot

Le Creuset 6-quart steel stockpot in flame, \$80, lecreuset.com



counter stool

Riviera 42"-tall plastic and rattan stool in fog, \$325, serenaandlily.com



rug

Safavieh Moroccan Cambridge 2'6" x 6' wool rug in navy and ivory, \$63, overstock.com