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Juniors Kitchen Tour Features Six Spectacular Kitchens

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A built-in niche made of glass mosaic tile above kitchen designer Leilah Douglass's stove is both beautiful and practical.

Photos Andy Scheck

An eclectic mix of beautifully designed kitchens will be on the Lafayette Juniors' 15th annual Kitchen Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17. This year's tour features six special kitchens ranging in style from rustic, traditional, ranch, Cape Cod and farmhouse.

One of the stops on the tour is the Happy Valley home of kitchen designer Leila Douglass. When Douglass and her husband Doug Scougale bought the property two and a half years ago, they fell in love with the land but were not as enamored of the existing small home built in 1957. So the couple



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took the home apart piece by piece and recycled all of the materials to be used elsewhere. Meanwhile, Douglass got her contractor's license and spent over two years building her dream house.

Although she has been creating kitchens for clients for years, when it came to designing her own, Douglass had to decide how to merge her more transitional style with her husband's love of antiques.

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The stone and copper hood serves as the focal point for Douglass's kitchen.