

# Juniors Kitchen Tour Features Six Spectacular Kitchens

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*Circular pendant lights and stainless steel appliances give this traditional kitchen a modern edge.*

The answer: an English cottage-style kitchen that combines design elements of a more traditional home with modern amenities.

The kitchen's walls are lined with custom-made walnut cabinets accented with bronze hardware, with a white hutch and center island to add contrasting color. The large island has a creamy countertop flecked with oranges and browns that pick up the darker colors of the surrounding cabinetry. The countertops under the walnut cabinets are lighter than that of the island, and both are made of quartzite, a material that resembles marble but is more durable and resistant to stains and scratches.

Above the island hangs a cluster of three circular forged iron candelabra light fixtures that give a contemporary touch to the kitchen while still blending in with the traditional surroundings.

Douglass was also sure to incorporate modern conveniences like a steam oven, a stainless Sub-Zero refrigerator and a built-in Miele espresso maker in her butler's

pantry to facilitate the couple's love of entertaining.

"We do more of open-house type events where everyone just wants to hang in the kitchen," she says.

Her favorite feature of her kitchen is a beautiful stone hood topped with copper that sits above the Wolf stove. The marble backsplash behind the stovetop has a carved-out niche in glass mosaic tile that she uses to keep cooking staples like salt, pepper and olive oil within easy reach.

Across town in the trails area of Lafayette, Kieran and Jeanette Mone also fell in love with a piece of property, which just happened to have a 100-year-old house on it. The Mones lived in the original 1,400 square-foot ranch house – complete with the original furnace, windows, plumbing and electrical – for three years after they purchased it in 2008. In 2011, the couple decided to rebuild the home into a modern-day farmhouse for their family of five.

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