

Five inspiring projects marry form and function in the hub of the home

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dream kitchens

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THE DETAILS

CABINETRY: duncancabinetry.com. CABINET HARDWARE: doorhardwareusa. com. COUNTERTOPS & BACKSPLASH: rocktopsfabrication.com. APPLIANCES: subzero-wolf. com, bosch.com through pyramid-builders.com. FAUCETS: franke.com, grohe.us through pyramidbuilders.com. SINKS: kohler. com, shawsofdarwen. com. ISLAND PENDANTS: urbanelectric.com. DINING TABLE PENDANT: bakerfurniture.com. BAR STOOLS: leeindustries.com.









moment of zen

Patrick Sutton conjures serenity and uncluttered elegance in a 1920s Baltimore abode

Once their kids had grown up and moved out, a couple was ready to reimagine their vintage center-hall Colonial in Baltimore's historic Guilford neighborhood; the home had become a little too lived-in over the years. They turned to Patrick Sutton for a whole-house renovation that would begin a new chapter. The mandate called for a more streamlined environment—and an airy new kitchen.

"The focus for the project was on clarity, simplicity and serenity," Sutton says. "And they wanted the kitchen to reflect this new attitude with an uncluttered, calm and restful aesthetic."

Working with Pyramid Builders, Sutton combined the existing compartmentalized kitchen and the adjacent dining room into one open-plan area with a central waterfall island and a comfortable breakfast nook that spills out through French doors into the yard. Once the space was opened up, original darkwood finishes gave way to a lighter, brighter sensibility. To create the serene vibe the clients were after, Sutton employed a palette of light-colored, tactile materials—from *faux-bois* custom cabinetry and soft-white Calacatta Gold marble countertops and backsplash to creamy lime-plaster walls. Flanking the sink, open steel shelving displays the clients' creamware collection and contributes to the room's airy feel. The range hood, built by Pyramid and faux-finished to look like marble by Artstar Custom Paintworks, is both understated and elegant. The ceiling, combining cerused whiteoak planks and beams, perfectly harmonizes with the room's other elements.

Kitchen Design: Patrick Sutton, Patrick Sutton, Baltimore, Maryland. Contractor: Pyramid Builders, Annapolis, Maryland. Photography: Roger Davies.