



## Habitats Crowd-Pleasing Kitchen

With a soaring 22-foot ceiling and warm antique touches, it's no surprise this is where everyone wants to congregate.

### 1 Calm and Bright

When Katy Varney and her husband, Dave Goetz, began renovating Dave's childhood Nashville home, their love of cooking and entertaining influenced every aspect of the kitchen, which was opened and brightened up with two shades of white (one on walls, one on cabinetry).

### 2 Party Compatible

A 13-by-4-foot island offers ample prep space, separates work areas for cooking and cleanup, and serves as a spot for casual grazing or dining. A dishwasher-adjacent sink, flanked by cabinets customized to hold tableware, makes post-party put-aways a cinch.

### 3 Open and Airy

Architect Michael Marchetti designed a 22-foot pitched and planked ceiling to add height to the room, as well as let in more light from the gable window. In keeping with the house's historic character, the new white oak floorboards were stained to take on an antique look.

### 4 Steeped in History

Jugs from Cascade Hollow Distilling Co., founded by Dave's great-grandfather and home to George Dickel Tennessee Whisky, have pride of place on the counter. The island's baker's table, topped with Montclair Danby marble, stores the bowls used for the family's holiday plum pudding.

White Down  
Benjamin Moore

Dark Pewter  
Benjamin Moore

Delicate  
White  
PPG Paints



### PLUM DELICIOUS

Dave's mother was co-owner of Warrenton Old English Plum Pudding in Tennessee. The dish (original recipe, below) is a family tradition.



**ABOVE:** Designer Barbara Rushton crowned the table (in Katy's family since the 1800s) with a scrolly chandelier. The hand-built hutch houses Christmas china. "In December, we exclusively use holidayware," says Katy.

**RIGHT:** From the black granite countertops to the custom range hood and iron pot rack, the couple opted for design details that are functional and timeless.

**LEFT:** Four small pantries serve as the kitchens' endcaps. Windows are sand-blasted with "Sweets," "Savories," "Sundries," and "Secrets," which is "where I keep my recipes," Katy says.

