

# TRENDS

## KITCHEN

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traditional kitchens

# Pride of place

Classic kitchens are often inspired by their surroundings. Besides a sense of harmony, traditional features evoke solidity, warmth and charm





# Warm hearted

This kitchen's rustic aesthetic conceals a wealth of behind-the-scenes functionality

**Preceding pages:** This classic-look kitchen forms part of a Tudor-style residence. Antique chandeliers all but obscure the modern, heavy-duty range hood – the latter a clue to the demure kitchen's carefully considered functionality. Most appliances are either on the working side of the island or integrated into the woodwork.

**Above:** An ancillary clean-up area adds to the main kitchen's functionality when entertaining.

**Above right:** The stone fireplace, with an ever-ready diminutive butler standing by, is the only element remaining from the home's original kitchen.

**A traditional kitchen needs to do more** than augment its classic surroundings – counter surfaces, work triangles, storage and a string of modern appliances all have been introduced seamlessly into the design.

This kitchen, designed by owners Pauline McIsaac and Bob Bardagy, harmonizes with the house of which it is a part.

"The original home, designed in 1913 by architect William Wallace Blair, had been given a makeover 20 years ago and then again 12 years ago," says McIsaac. "But the kitchen still did not meet our needs, so

I reinvented the space again, adhering to the home's origins but also making it work well for the chefs – Bob and me."

To this end, the rear wall of the space was pushed back, allowing for a deeper pantry and more storage. In addition, the appliances are integrated into classic-look paneling, and work triangles are tight.

"I customized several of the cabinet elements, giving everything a specific use and maximizing usable space," she says.

There is also an ancillary kitchen space set on the other side of the breakfast table

area. This has a deep sink for washing large pots and cutting flowers, and a separate dishwasher – used largely when the couple hosts family gatherings.

While functionality is woven through the design, it is the old-world detailing that catches the eye. Features include dentil mouldings, leaded-glass cabinet doors, old-world chandeliers and a nicked and knotted farmhouse table.

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**Kitchen designer:** Pauline McIsaac (Victoria, BC)  
**Architect:** William Wallace Blair  
**Interior designer:** Celine Pitre, Celine Interiors  
**Cabinetry:** Custom  
**Countertops:** Granite  
**Doors and windows:** Custom  
**Flooring:** Slate  
**Sinks:** Franke; custom granite sink  
**Backsplash:** Custom  
**Faucets:** Franke  
**Main oven, cooktop and ventilation:** Viking  
**Wall oven:** KitchenAid  
**Dishwasher:** Superba by KitchenAid, Monterey 21 by KitchenAid

**Refrigeration:** Sub-Zero  
**Waste disposal:** Maytag  
**Compactor:** Broan  
**Breakfast table:** Owners  
**Chandeliers:** Antique, sourced by owners

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