

It's a breeze



Part of the challenge with this Manchester-area home was the tight confined space in which it was contained. "It was so dark in the kitchen and so sectioned off from the other rooms that it was hard to entertain. We wanted to open it up and make it more into a breezeway area and sitting room," says Lori Langan, a kitchen designer for Black Dog Construction in Salem. But they had to keep the laundry and closet spaces within that area, yet out of sight. Another challenge was keeping doors to an in-law apartment and the garage intact. Black Dog took



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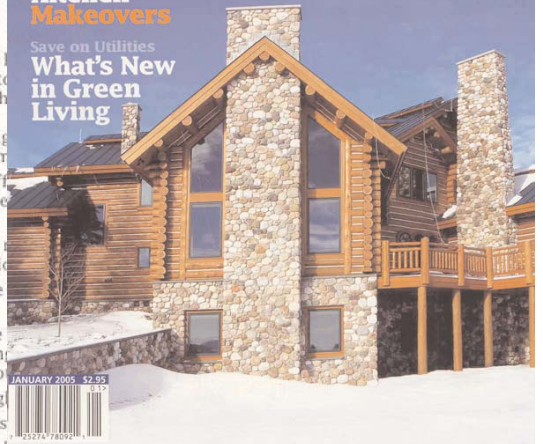
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Who's the f... kitchen of

If you're planning a... of your own, take st... kitchen to decide wh...

- Do you have enough space to prepare m...
- Do you have an eff... gle? Is it out of the pattern?
- Can you open the... out blocking traffic?
- Do you need more space?
- Do you need more kitchen for working, paying bills, and o...
- Do you have enough...
- Is your kitchen eas...
- Is there sufficient light to work by?
- Who will be using the kitchen (more than one cook, elderly children, elderly parents)?
- Do you plan to entertain a lot?
- Which features (appliances, cabinetry) do you really need, and which could you live without?
- What is your cooking style?
- Do you do a lot of baking?
- Is the primary cook right-handed, or left-handed? How tall is he/she?



out the windows in the breezeway area and installed big sliders that open up to a backyard with green pasture "as far as the eye can see."
By taking down the wall that separates the breezeway from the kitchen, no longer is it simply for passing through or a catch-all space. "Everyone can interact now — they're not in segregated spaces," says Langan. With bar seating, a dining room table, as well as comfy seating in the breezeway area, there's room for everyone to enjoy each other's company.
In addition to more seating, there's additional storage as well with a bigger pantry, more counter space and cabinets that roll or slide out.
Ornate bracket supports in the bar seating area combine beauty and function. The details appear throughout in moldings, over valances and even on the custom pot rack above the stove.
Another unique feature in this kitchen is the custom cherry wall cabinet that sits on the green granite countertop. Made specifically for the owner, it shows off her large and beautiful collection of crystal, yet keeps it within easy reach.