



## Kitchen Cookbook

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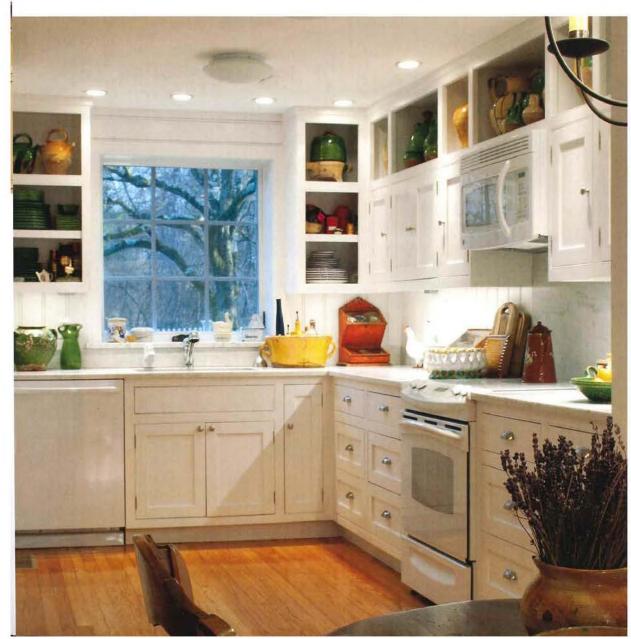
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hen designing spaces within a home, the designer can take their inspiration from any number of sources. A favorite piece of art or favorite period in design history may inspire. Perhaps the beauty of the surrounding landscape or color of the cool waters that lap the shoreline of that relaxing beach cottage you visited last summer. Each one

touch's the soul in a different way and may provide the groundwork for your latest project. In this particular case, that inspiration came from the "colors, the shapes and the history of an amazing French pottery collection".

Part of a multi-phase renovation to a circa 1940's home in Westport, Connecticut, this phase would include tackling the kitchen and powder room. "Given the vintage of the house, we chose materials that were simple, comfortable and matched the existing house," said Westport based architect, Jeff Kaufman of JMKA architects. "Painted wood cabinets and Danby marble from Vermont for the countertops, wainscoting backsplashes and reclaimed wood floors" were chosen to accomplish this task. Light and bright, with classical detailing, the



cabinetry provides the perfect back drop for the exquisite pottery collection. With close proximity to the front entrance, it was also important to ensure that there was a certain level of formality in the design of this space. A "proper" butler's pantry provided inspiration for the cabinetry which gave it a "dressed up" look and offers ample storage space. Having completed the two earlier phases of the home's renovation, the owners had plenty of confidence in the choices Kaufman and his team made. The result is a timeless design that blends seamlessly with the rest of this beautiful East Coast home.