

# Kitchen Inspiration

We love seeing new kitchen designs—whether looking at photos or on a tour of local homes. Both are great ways to discover what's new and to begin planning how to upgrade our own kitchen. Here are a few sources of inspiration, along with photos from a kitchen tour fundraiser.



This challenging renovation in an 1800s Chester County home in Malvern called for a more modern kitchen that maintained the historical integrity of the house. The plan required three small rooms become one larger living area.

The owners' wish list included specific appliances, ample storage space as well as a fireplace ... yes, a challenging design. Using custom cabinetry and finishes, the changes fit perfectly with the overall feel of the historic home.

The result is a clean transition on one single wall that joins the breakfast room, kitchen area and living room. It's a great space to spend time with family. (See the fireplace view of this kitchen on the back cover of this issue of *County Lines Magazine*.)

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Sugarbridge Kitchens & Baths



Historical references feel right at home when positioned in this modern open floor plan.

Enter the room with its mullion doors meeting a wood countertop, alternate colored interior and furniture-shaped base moulding. A butler's pantry is no longer hidden—instead it becomes the focal point to a sink wall, sitting front and center.

The formal bar with its framed mirrored backsplash, wood brackets and glass doors is taken out of the hallway nook and integrated at the entrance to the living space.

Modernly traditional, classic, light, bright and comfortably accessible is what it's all about!

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Main Street Cabinet

This functional modern kitchen provides the utmost in efficiency and design.

Deep drawers in the base cabinets offer the maximum use of space—all the better for storing and organizing cookware, dishes and even pots and pans. These drawers can be pulled out all the way, allowing you to see everything inside so nothing gets lost. No more bending and squatting while searching dark shelves!

And deeper-than-normal wall cabinets (by Candelight Cabinetry of painted maple finished in designer white) provide even more storage without adding more cabinetry to the space.

Under-cabinet and recessed LED lighting provides all the light you'll need in this cook's dream of a kitchen.

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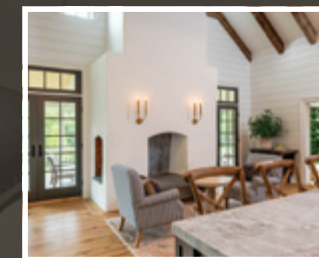
A key feature of this dream kitchen is the high vaulted ceiling, accented with exposed rustic salvaged barn beams that frame the structural lines above.

In addition to the central island, there's a large farm sink, contrasting stone and wood countertops, professional grade oven, cooking surface and exhaust system, floating shelves with a running bond, natural stone backsplash and a coffee bar within arms reach. Note the striking range hood surround featuring scrolled plaster corbels and a recessed, repurposed wood beam.

Other details include beaded shiplap wall boards, convenient pantry with ample countertop space, plus random width, solid white oak flooring, custom cabinetry and millwork.

Opposite the kitchen island (see inset) is an oversized fireplace—complemented by a unique soapstone herringbone firebox, raised stone hearth and copper lined storage niches—perfect for winter nights.

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E.C. Trethewey







## For more kitchen inspiration ...

The annual Notable Kitchen Tour & Chef's Tasting fundraiser for the Philadelphia Orchestra takes guests through a variety of distinctive kitchens in our area. Last November the 10th annual self-guided tour visited six beautiful homes in Newtown Square, Wayne, Villanova and Gladwyne.

Participants sample bites from Aneu Catering, At the Table, The Bercy, Aux Petits Delices and more as they admired enviable kitchens and stunning table displays.

Here are a few photos to inspire you to mark your calendar for the 2020 tour.

