

Kitchens have continued to get more than their share of use in the past year or so. With more time at home—including more cooking and eating at home—family members have been hanging out and crossing paths in our kitchens.

Maybe some of that kitchen-time has prompted us to think about how to make the room more useful, attractive or welcoming.

We've asked local kitchen designers and builders to share some of their favorite kitchen projects with us. And maybe one of them will provide a little inspiration for your dream kitchen.

This kitchen is located in Villanova on the Ardrossan Estate. The lovely view is the focal point, so the kitchen was delicately designed to maximize the conversation between interior details and the rolling hills. The window area was trimmed and paneled to allow a seamless transition between cabinetry and landscape.

This kitchen also features a large island with seating, a beautiful custom wood hood, 48-inch range and double ovens. A large working butler's pantry with paneled appliances is located down the hall.

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SUGARBRIDGE CUSTOM KITCHENS & BATHS



This kitchen is featured in the oldest part of a Federal-style farmhouse. The custom kitchen features soapstone countertops, custom cabinetry and salvaged flooring. Some special additions are the built-in under-counter coffee maker and wine chiller in the island, perfect for entertaining guests.

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E.C. TRETHERWEY BUILDING CONTRACTORS



This 1925 Arts & Crafts-era home in Wayne was bursting with Gothic and Tudor-inspired design, except for the early 2000s kitchen addition. Part of a whole-home renovation, the kitchen design focused on bringing the character found throughout the rest of the home into the heart of the home. Hand-hewn beams, leaded glass windows and Tudor elliptical arched openings replicate what would have been found when the home was first built. The custom range hood mirrors the original living room fireplace. A clover mark, found in original woodworking, is featured in the new cabinetry, bringing old world touches into the modern-day space.

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PERIOD ARCHITECTURE



In collaboration with Kat Robbins Interiors and Superior Custom Cabinetry, every aspect of this West Chester kitchen was tastefully thought out and specified. The combination of walnut cabinetry along with a high gloss finish island and perimeter cabinets provides a stunning modern look. The 10-foot island includes a Zip water system that provides instant filtered boiled, chilled and sparkling water in an elegant brushed gold finish fixture. The counter tops include a Calacatta gold Borghini island, while the perimeter is a custom poured concrete.

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HAZLEY BUILDERS



This 1902 Wilmington home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was remodeled to transform the space for modern living while retaining its historic elegance. The remodel removed a cramped butler's pantry to expand the kitchen and create better flow from room to room, opening the kitchen to the dining room with a structural steel beam (with custom molding), a remodeled mudroom with the addition of a powder room, and more. Exposed brick, inset cabinetry, soapstone and bronze tops, a marble backsplash and brass highlights throughout help capture the home's historic elegance.

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PINE STREET CARPENTERS





This new home in Wayne was inspired by the timeless architecture of the Cotswolds. The cozy family kitchen features custom cabinetry with a stained white oak island with a marble top perfect for lunches and art projects with the kids, and a custom limestone range hood with a hand carved family crest. The sink overlooks an expansive outdoor dining and entertaining space through a custom leaded glass window. The kitchen ceiling is made from textured plaster and reclaimed beams and it flows into the adjacent family room to create the perfect family entertaining space.

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In a beautiful transformation for this long and narrow space, every inch is functional and so very appealing! Existing openings were altered—closing up some, widening others and removing a window to create an ideal cooking and entertaining space. The long island transitions into a seated area for morning coffee, homework or a quick meal. Generous prep space was added, along with new appliances, a pantry cabinet and wet bar to complete the design. Gray tones in the perimeter cabinetry pair perfectly with a mottled ‘mother pearl’ quartz countertop, subway tile and accent tile.

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GIUSEPPE KITCHEN AND BATH



For more help and inspiration for transforming every room in you house into a dream space, see the Fine Home & Design Resource Guide in this issue.