

On the walls,
Abingdon
Putty (HC-99)

On the island,
Crown Point Sand
(HC-90), all by
Benjamin Moore

"IT'S NOT STARK
WHITE; IT'S
SOFT, AND IT'S
MY FAVORITE,"
ERIKA SAYS

On the
cabinets, ceiling
and trim,
White Dove
(OC-17)

"We wanted it to say 'relax and stay awhile'"

MEET THE OWNER: An avid cook, Kathy Linder prefers to work surrounded by friends and family, so she planned her kitchen to double as "a warm gathering place where everyone would feel comfortable hanging out while I prepare meals," she says. "Our kitchen and breakfast room inspire us to stay home and eat in with friends."

HER STYLE: classic and tailored, with a couple of bold features, such as a statement-making copper hood.

MUST-HAVE FEATURES: a high-quality, dual-fuel range with reliable consistency and accuracy, and plush barstools that encourage lingering. "The ample proportions of these make them feel more like easy chairs than barstools," says Kathy. "They're so comfortable we end up eating many meals right here."

HER BEST ADVICE: Keep an open mind about product substitutions if your first choice doesn't pan out. "I was totally set on Calcutta Gold marble countertops, but when we couldn't find a suitable slab, I had to go with Millennium Cream granite instead," Kathy says. "I was willing to splurge for the marble but got a surprising 'save' with the less expensive and easier-to-clean granite."



ERIKA'S STYLE
ESSENTIAL
Classic Bridge
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secret ingredients
FROM THE DESIGNER

COPPER HOOD "It makes the room feel

taller by drawing your eye to the ceiling and adds a touch of rustic charm to the new kitchen," says Erika. ■ **SHOP THE LOOK:** Vent Hood 6 in Copper, Texas Lightsmith

STONE COUNTERTOPS "The creamy white background and copper-and-gray veining in the granite inspired the warm but airy palette, as well as our decision to mix metal finishes," she says.

SEAMLESS CABINETRY "Conceal moving parts like hidden hinges on inset cabinet doors and bottom-mounted, full-extension slides on self-closing drawers," says Erika.

MIXED METALS "I intentionally didn't seal this copper sink so it would develop a beautiful patina over time," she says. "For contrast, I paired it with the polished nickel faucet and cabinetry hardware, which will maintain their shine." For routine maintenance of the sink, use water, a gentle soap, and a nonabrasive sponge. Occasional use of Wright's Copper Cream will shine it up. ■ **SHOP THE LOOK:** Farmhouse Double Sink with Smooth Apron Front in Copper, Texas Lightsmith >

ERIKA'S STYLE ESSENTIAL

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For Erika's daily musings on design, check out her Web site, urbangrace.com. We're hooked on it!