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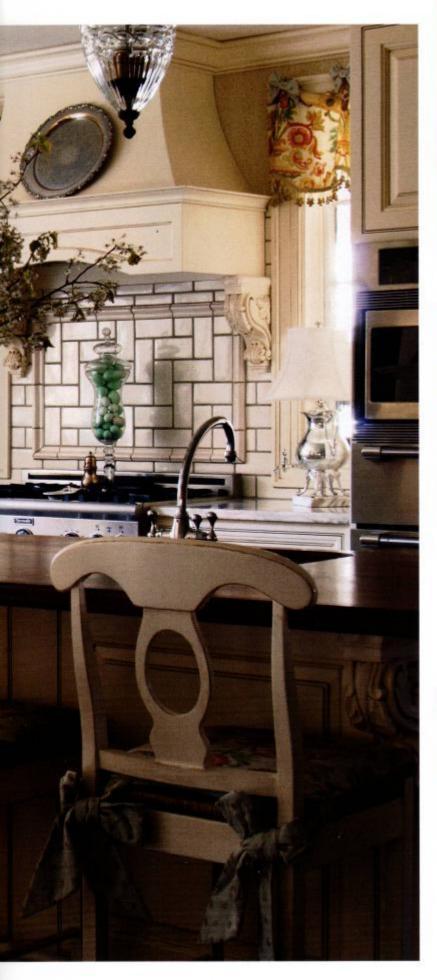


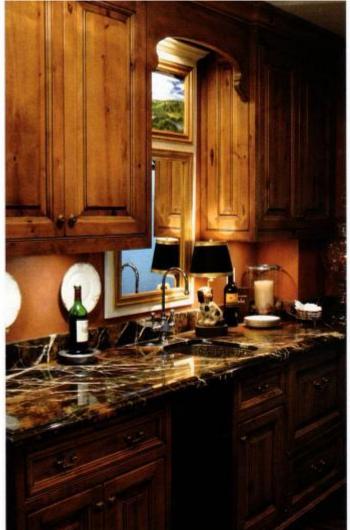
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Above: Just off the kitchen is a butlery with maple cabinets, Michelangelo marble countertops and a hand-painted trumeau behind the hammered metal sink. Left: Cut-glass and iron pendant lights from Wilson Lighting illuminate the island. The cream-painted cabinets are lightly glazed.

Gathering of the Clan

TERRY AND LYNN O'LEARY HAVE FIVE KIDS IN FIVE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS-THAT'S A LOT OF PACKED LUNCHES, DINNERS KEPT WARM FOR AFTER SOCCER PRACTICE, AND "MOM, I'M HUNGRY" SNACKS. So, when they renovated their 1930s Mission Hills home, a "warm and cozy kitchen" was high on Lynn's list as well as enough room for her kids to cook, as they really enjoy it. Terry wanted quality cabinetry that opened and shut quietly. And they all wanted a hearth room space where they could relax in front of the fireplace or gather around the kitchen island to do homework.

The couple turned to architect Bill Prelogar of Nearing Staats Prelogar & Jones, David Zebley of Portfolio Kitchen & Home for the cabinetry and kitchen design, Lisa Curran Interiors for fabrics



Above: A cozy seating area at one end of the kitchen is a favorite place for the family to gather. Right: China cabinets with beveled glass upper doors frame the view into the breakfast room.

and wallpaper, and Edin Maslo of Delta Construction for the scagliola fireplace surround (an ancient technique using recomposed limestone).

The result? Two comfortable armchairs in pale butter damask flank the fireplace, which is fronted with a duplicate of the acorn and thistle crest that's on the front of the house. A long island with an easy-to-clean oroco wood countertop joins warm glazed cabinetry topped with white marble, a look that Lynn loves. Three Thermador ovens, a gas range, built-in refrigerator and multiple refrigerator drawers, and a warming drawer make everything from weeknight meals to the 25 people the O'Leary clan hosts on Thanksgiving much easier to manage.

