



DOUBLE UP ON LIGHTS

Huh used two hanging lamps: The dome pendants illuminate the table while the others, called schoolhouse pendants, provide ambient light. Since both have chains and white glass shades, they look cohesive.

MIX YOUR METALS

"Most modern appliances are stainless steel, so the brass hardware is a nod to the past," says Huh. "It looks like the kitchen could have always been this way and we just updated the stove."

ADD SOME FARMHOUSE CHARM

Designer Young Huh's challenge: Take a new space and make it look original to an old home. So she avoided contemporary elements like recessed lighting and opted for a farm table in lieu of an island. For the counters she used soapstone, which was popular at the turn of the century, and picked brass hardware. The overall effect of things like exposed hinges and bin pulls is a loved, lived-in spot.



DOME AND SCHOOLHOUSE PENDANTS

Innovations lighting glass bell 1 pendant, \$144; wayfair.com. Baldwin 6-inch classic chain pendant, \$275; rejuvenation.com.



RETRO CLOCK

Wall clock, \$39.91; eurostylelighting.com.



PAINT

Benjamin Moore Desert Green 443.



SILVER ACCESSORIES

Silver-plated tray, \$99; potterybarn.com. Vollrath 3-quart stainless steel pitcher, \$59.99; webstaurantstore.com.

PICK A COLOR WITH A HISTORY

"This green was a typical cabinet color in the 1930s," says Huh. "My client's childhood kitchen was painted this shade, so she chose it for nostalgic reasons."



3 DREAM KITCHENS 33 DOABLE IDEAS!

With just a paintbrush, a screwdriver, and maybe—*maybe*—a ladder, you can turn your kitchen into a space that makes you feel calm and cheerful. Find the look you love on these pages (or steal from all three) and put these smart little tweaks to work.

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STILLS: EMILY KATE ROEMER/STUDIO D.
STYLIST: KRIS JENSEN AT MARK EDWARD INC.
PAINT: BLOB; A. ASTES/ALAMY.



FARM TABLE

Threshold farm dining table, \$300; target.com.



STEP STOOL

J Hunt and Company stool, \$53; overstock.com.

LATCH CABINET LOCKS

Small cast brass cupboard latch, \$20.79; houseofantiquehardware.com.



MAKE A SMALL SPACE SING

"I design a lot of white kitchens," says Sheila Bridges. "So when it came to my home, I wanted color and pattern. It's more fun to let your personality shine through." Pairing a gray-blue paint with a metallic patterned wallpaper opens up Bridges's apartment kitchen, and the details—a Roman shade, marble countertops (bought at Home Depot!), chrome accents—make it feel rich.



PENDANT LAMP
Aged bronze pendant lamp, \$130; worldmarket.com.



CUSHIONED DINING CHAIR
Andrews side chair by Sunset Trading, \$300 for 2; wayfair.com.

PULL UP A CHAIR

Even though there isn't room for a table, Bridges wanted some seats. These don't take up a lot of room but are comfy and chic.

HANG A QUIRKY FIXTURE

Bridges bought this years ago and pulled it out when she redesigned the space. "Sometimes an unplanned moment ends up being your favorite thing in a room," she says.



PAINT YOUR WOOD FLOORS

"It was a way to save money," she explains. Opt for a paint designed to stand up to traffic, like Behr Premium Porch & Patio Floor Paint Gloss Enamel in Ultra Pure White 6050.

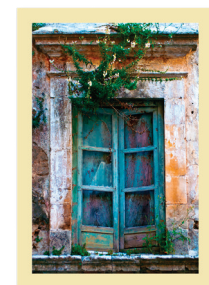


PAN RACK

Anchor 10-piece pot and pan rack set, \$92.99; wayfair.com.



WALLPAPER AND PAINT
Peel-and-stick "Iceberg Flower Damask" by Natitys, \$90 per roll; spoonflower.com. Ralph Lauren Sloop Blue RL 1765.



FRAMED PRINT
Abandoned Sicilian House in Noto print, \$47 for 7 x 10-inch framed print; society6.com.



PIGGY BOOKENDS
Extraordinary set of 2 resin pig bookends, \$28.99; myparlorroom.com.

BOOKENDS: CHRISTOPHER COPPOLA/STUDIO D.



HIDE YOUR STUFF WITH CURTAINS

Instead of replacing these cabinet doors, Kemble installed fabric panels inside them. "This was a practical way to hide all the colorful plastic dishes that were in there," she says.

PLAY WITH PRETTY COLORS

"This young family wanted their home to feel friendly, and a colorful kitchen does just that," says designer Celerie Kemble. It only took a few affordable cosmetic changes like a coat of paint, some cute drawer pulls, and a new area rug to give the room a cozy, cheery vibe.

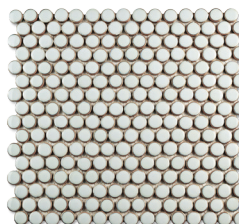
THROW DOWN A PREPPY RUG

"This one is made from wool, which is easy to clean, and the pattern hides stains," says Kemble. "Outdoor rugs are also a great option."

STRIPED RUG
Lamiss rug in citrus, \$186 for 3' x 5'; luluandgeorgia.com.



PENNY DOT TILE
Hudson penny porcelain mosaic tile, \$10.97 for 12 x 12 1/4-inch piece; homedepot.com.



INSTALL A CLASSIC BACKSPLASH

"Penny dot tile is so sweet," says Kemble. "But I only like to use it in small doses; otherwise it can look way too busy."



COLORFUL HARDWARE
Lew's Hardware glass bin pulls, \$14.31; lowes.com. Simmered glass knob, \$10; anthropologie.com.



CABINET FABRIC
Red ticking stripe seersucker, \$9.99 per yard; moodfabrics.com.



PAINT AND WALLPAPER
Valspar Afternoon Delight 6006-10A. Bella by Arthouse in lotus teal/coral, \$29 per roll; wallpaperdirect.com.



FARMHOUSE STOOL
Adjustable round wood and metal stool, \$120; worldmarket.com.