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**IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS FOR FOUR DYNAMIC KITCHENS THAT  
FEATURE UNEXPECTED FINISHES AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL TEXTURES**

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**Textural Touches** (ACROSS SPREAD FROM FAR LEFT) An at-home chef's dream is realized by F+H Architectural Design and CFK Interiors. Design by the Jonathans creates a coastal-cool meets modern-farmhouse oasis. Deane delivers a dreamy blue kitchen ready for entertaining. Nukitchens uses black, white and brass to create a sophisticated space with sneaky storage. See *Resources*.



# DEANE

## Antique home, contemporary kitchen



### WALKING INTO THIS 1860S ANTIQUE

home overlooking Branford's Thimble Islands, one might expect to find bucolic, country-chic interiors. While, yes, you will be greeted with clean white shiplap ceilings and rich walnut herringbone floors, the overall aesthetic favors the contemporary.

"Because the home is antique, the previous interiors consisted of tight, small spaces that just weren't conducive to a modern lifestyle," explains Deane designer Buffy Goodwin. "We knocked out the interior walls and replaced them with steel support structures, capturing front-to-back views of the water."

Now, an open floor plan is perfect for entertaining extended family and friends with ample places to gather. The spacious island, painted in Benjamin Moore's Witching Hour and topped with Calacatta Corchia marble to complement the counters and backsplash, can seat five. Also connected is the dining room, where a table for eight is positioned next to a full wet bar, painted in complementary high-gloss navy paint.

Throughout, cabinetry features a simple slab door in a smoky white paint, finished with contemporary satin nickel hardware. Along with the custom hammered stainless steel range hood, the lighting delivers modern flair. Above the island, an

adjustable LED fixture by Luke Lamp Co. creates a stylish sculptural accent that doesn't block the view. "The sum total of these materials creates a symphony of tones, colors and textures that are unexpected but beautiful together," Goodwin explains. "I love the metal details on the island legs, the simplicity of the cabinetry as it sits on the large scale herringbone floor and the two colors used together seamlessly."

Of course, everything is discreetly functional as well, like glass-front doors on the side-by-side Sub-Zero pro fridge/freezer or the wet bar's retractable doors that cleverly close to conceal the sink and bottle storage.

**My Blue Heaven** (ACROSS SPREAD FROM LEFT) A contemporary light fixture from Luke Lamp Co. anchors the island, accompanied by Design Within Reach stools. In the dining area, a glass wine cabinet by Heritage Vine gets the party started next to a wet bar painted in high gloss Witching Hour paint from Benjamin Moore. See *Resources*.



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