




HANDSOME REWARD

Everyone wins when a single guy's gorgeous new

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A kitchen featuring a mix of white and dark wood cabinetry. A large, dark wood cabinet with glass-paned doors stands prominently, displaying white dishes. To the left, a dark wood island with a granite countertop is accompanied by two green leather bar stools. In the foreground, a round dark wood table is set with a patterned chair and a wine glass. The background shows white wall cabinets and a stone backsplash.

Shades of chocolate and vanilla—with splashes of juicy citron green—give this Long Island kitchen a masculine bent. The extra-large island is designed to take advantage of views from living room windows that look out on Long Island Sound.

kitchen embraces family and friends.

THIS PHOTO: Elegant trimwork gives the range hood a classic presence above the matchstick-tile backsplash. **OPPOSITE LEFT:** An oil-rubbed-bronze faucet pairs perfectly with the hammered-copper prep sink. **OPPOSITE RIGHT:** Made of walnut, the built-in china cabinet breaks up the expanse of white cabinetry.





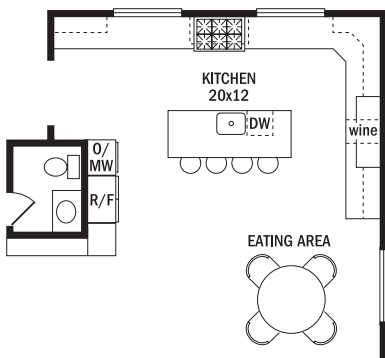
HE SAYS HE DOESN'T COOK much, but he wants

top-of-the-line appliances. He's single, but he needs a family-friendly space. And his new house overlooks Long Island Sound, but he doesn't want a kitchen that looks beachy. What's an interior designer to do?

If you're Kim Hendrickson-Radovich, you don't worry. She had worked with this homeowner before and could envision the space he had in mind. "I knew what design aesthetic and color palette he was comfortable with," Hendrickson-Radovich says. "And I know he enjoys entertaining his brothers, their wives, and their kids. So I created a family-friendly space with a bachelor-pad vibe."

The family-friendly part includes a wide-open floor plan that connects the kitchen with a living room that overlooks the water. Ultradurable granite countertops and a hardworking oak-plank floor handle the wear and tear young nieces and nephews dole out. Yet the sophisticated chocolate-and-ivory color palette and classic details—such as a tray ceiling and cabinets topped with deep crown molding—create a decidedly masculine interior.

Granite countertops headline this impressive expanse, standing out amid the neutral components. A beautiful creamy color veined with deep chocolate and black tones, the stone was shipped from Italy for this project. "[He] thought I was out of my mind," Hendrickson-Radovich says of the homeowner, "but it was exactly what I was looking for to tie everything together."





Takeaways

- 1** An open floor plan lets guests relax outside the work core yet engage with kitchen activity.
- 2** Juxtaposing light and dark finishes creates visual punch.
- 3** Durable granite countertops and oak floors stand up to active weekends with guests.
- 4** A built-in china cabinet breaks up an expanse of upper cabinetry and offers room for display.

Once she decided on the granite, the designer was able to choose the perfect backsplash: a multitexture mosaic of matchstick stone tiles that echoes the earthy hues in the countertops. The tiles, in turn, inspired oil-rubbed-bronze hardware and faucets as well as a chocolate-stained island and china cabinet that pop against the ivory-painted cabinetry. “Juxtaposing all the lights and darks...that’s always a good thing,” Hendrickson-Radovich says. “Contrast gives a room punch.”

Not just a handsome face, this kitchen is also designed to work hard and entertain at a moment’s notice. Plentiful cabinets and drawers organize kitchen staples. The island offers generous counter space for food prep, casual dining, and buffet serving. The primary sink is positioned to allow the host to interact with people at the island, at the dining table, or in the living room. A combination of integrated and stainless-steel appliances—a French-door refrigerator, a 48-inch-wide cooktop, wall ovens, and a wine fridge—support the efforts of caterers as well as family and friends.

“Sometimes beach-house owners want a cool, casual, Hamptons kind of vibe with beaded board and reclaimed wood,” Hendrickson-Radovich says. “Instead, we have painted wood cabinets, polished granite, and oil-rubbed bronze. It’s sleeker and more sophisticated. But this kitchen is also a comfortable, warm, and welcoming space.” **KBI**

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OPPOSITE LEFT: The spacious island lets the host interact while enjoying living room views. **OPPOSITE RIGHT:** Cabinetry panels integrate the French-door refrigerator into the floor-to-ceiling storage wall. **THIS PHOTO:** “Houndstooth check screams masculinity,” designer Kim Hendrickson-Radovich says about the bold dining chairs.