

FOCAL POINT

A custom hood balances the heavy look of the island and gives presence to the cooking wall.

CUSTOM COLORS

Blank commissioned a custom colorway of the Dazzle tile from **Mosaic House** in browns, whites, and grays.



Trinsic Single Handle Pull-Down faucet, from \$643. deltafaucet.com

DOUBLE DUTY

Against the window wall, side-by-side sinks and dual dishwashers simplify clean up.

Paint: Chantilly Lace, Benjamin Moore. Shades: The Shade Store. Pendant: vintage, 1stDibs. Tile: Mosaic House. Island countertop: walnut, Grothouse. Cabinet pulls: Armac Martin. Ranges: Wolf. Dishwashers: Miele. Refrigerators: Sub-Zero. Counter stools: client's own.

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The Big Picture

One kitchen designer managed to sneak two well-equipped kitchens into one extraordinary space.
By Carisha Swanson

FOR MANY OF TODAY'S families, two dishwashers or dual sinks are a luxury, but for designer Sarah Blank's clients, who keep kosher, they were a necessity. One set is used for prepping and cleaning up meat dishes, the other dairy, per kosher requirements that these never commingle. **"It's really two kitchens in one,"** says Blank. Fitting that into the family's 1920s Spanish Revival in New Rochelle, New York, was the real challenge. Undeterred, Blank set out to design a space that would make entertaining easy—and look spectacular. She began by adding 750 square feet to the home's footprint, and planted a new kitchen in the addition. Since most of the lower wall cabinets were spoken for—housing not just two dishwashers and sinks, but also drawers for two sets of cookware and cutlery—Blank also added in an island for extra storage. Inspired by the X-shaped base and finishes of a piece she found during her annual hunt at the The Armory Show of antiques in New York City, Blank custom designed a tiger maple and walnut island with tons of additional drawers. **"It's just a beautiful**

KITCHEN OF THE MONTH



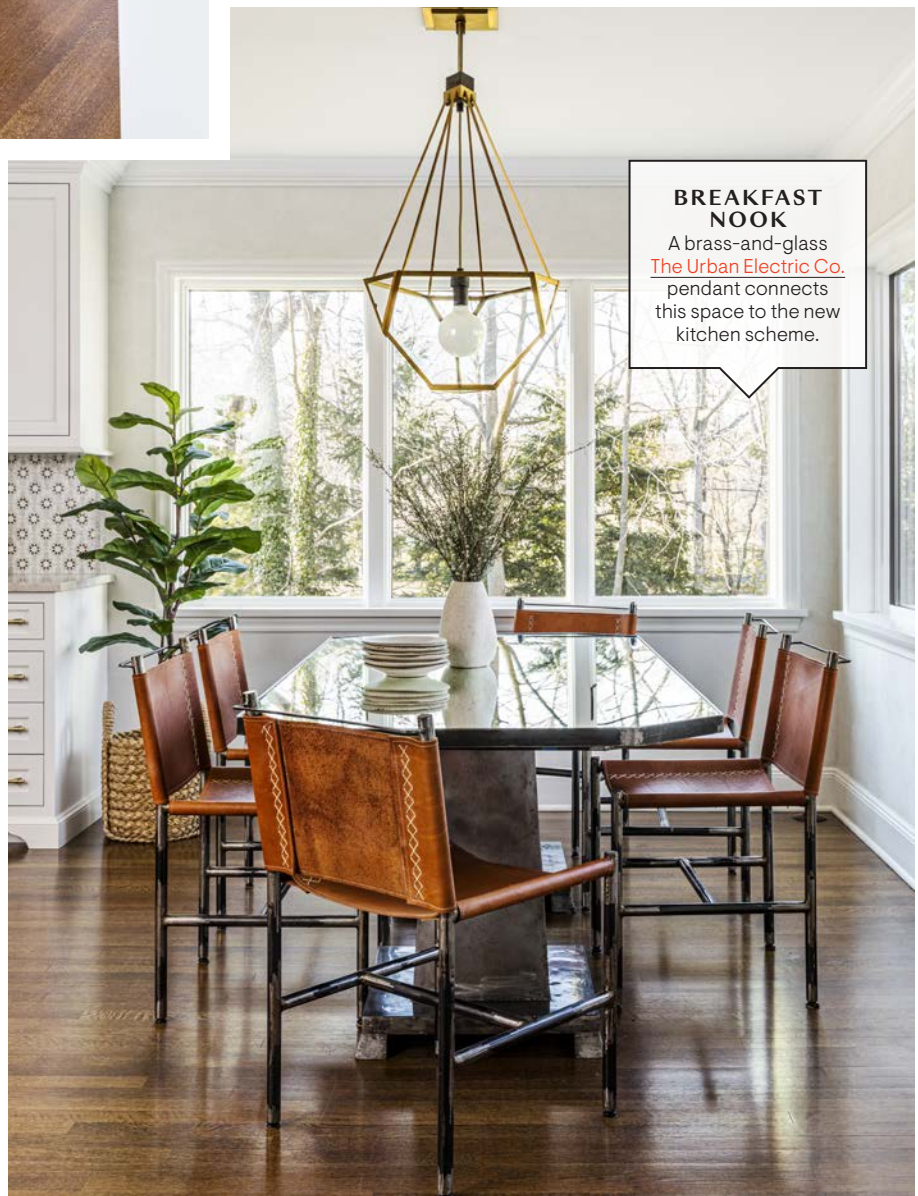
ANTIQUE INSPIRATION

A [Grothouse](#) wood countertop sits atop this furniture-like storage island.



NEIGHBORING BAR

Just around the corner, a matching cocktail center features custom shelves by [Amuneal](#) and a dishwasher.



BREAKFAST NOOK

A brass-and-glass [The Urban Electric Co.](#) pendant connects this space to the new kitchen scheme.

place where the children sit and do their homework, like a true piece of furniture,” the designer says.

Then she created a bespoke hood above the rangetop and bathed the entire wall in a custom-colored terra-cotta tile from Mosaic House. “I wanted a tile that would add some punch to this kitchen but that still had a historic feel to it,” she says.

An adjoining butler’s pantry with four doorways offers a cut-through to other parts of the home, so Blank cleverly turned its corners into four independent serving stations that house everything from a bar sink and *third* dishwasher to a much-needed wine fridge. “It just goes to show,” says Blank, “that you that you can stay functional and make it fun.”