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Natural, durable butcherblock, above, has been a kitchen staple for decades. Oil it periodically to preserve its looks. DESIGN: Bilotta Kitchens, bilotta.com, in collaboration with Jeffrey Parker, Jeffrey Parker Interiors **Indoor herbs** are possible when you plant a cutting garden. Below, a custom butcherblock counter accommodates a series of galvanized metal planters. DESIGN: Carmel Greer, LEED AP, District Design, districtdesign.com

Shelf Help

DESIGNER ROBIN RIGBY FISHER (ROBINRIGBYFISHER.COM) DISHES ON BUILDING IN SMART STORAGE FOR COOKBOOKS AND MORE

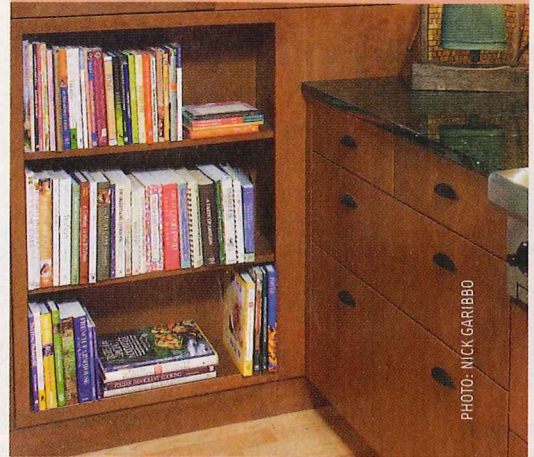


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■ Store cookbooks near a counter

"They need to be accessible to get used—and put away," Fisher says. Plus, you'll want an expanse of flat surface so you can refer to recipes while putting together ingredients.

■ Build them strong and beautiful

Use sturdy, attractive wood, like cherry, and don't go wider than 30" or you'll need a support.

■ Scale to fit

Make shelves at least 12" deep, so books fit with some space to spare. Also, opt for adjustable shelves in case you want to fit in oversized cocktail-style books or a row of pocket-sized ones, as your collection grows.

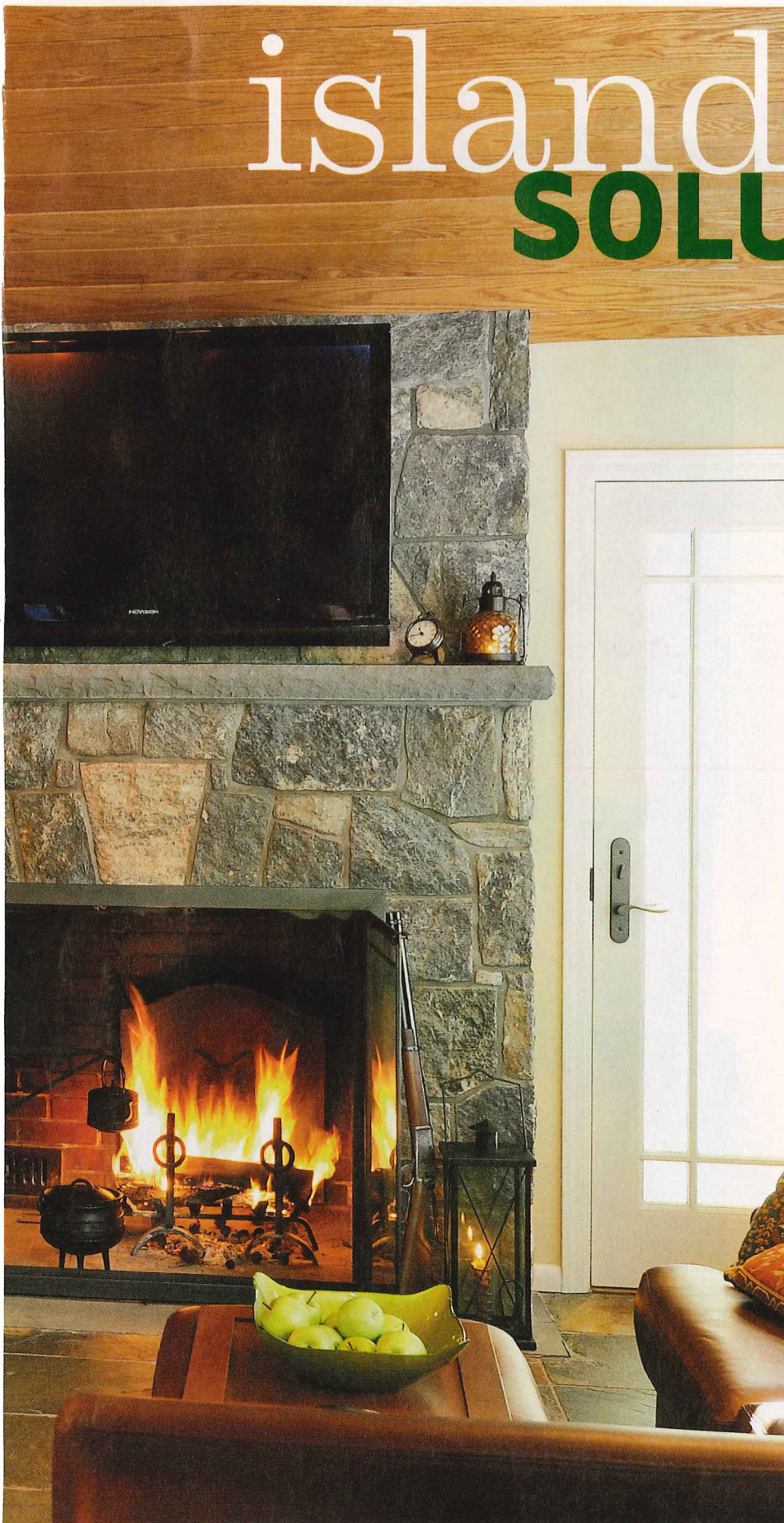


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Counter seating saves space in Craftsman-style showplace

When kitchen designer Jason Landau of Amazing Spaces LLC was brought in to revise a planned kitchen remodel, he knew immediately that the layout had to be changed. "The architect designed a peninsula to separate the kitchen from a new family room addition, but doing that would have cut the entire space in half and made each area look too small," Landau says. Instead, because the kitchen wasn't large to begin with, he designed an island that would solve two goals: accommodate some of the serious equipment the husband (the primary cook) wanted, including a dishwasher, and offer seating for five. Close by on the room's two main perimeter work legs, Landau located a big range and a large refrigerator-freezer; he left ample counter space between. On the third wall, he placed floor-to-ceiling pantry cabinets, additional counter space and glass-fronted cabinets to display decorative items. On a fourth wall just outside the kitchen and adjacent to the dining room, Landau organized a bar area with an undercounter refrigerator-freezer and a sink as well as a wine rack. Above this area, display cabinets faced with crackle glass provide a



nod to the Craftsman-style home. At the bar, Landau injected some whimsy with hardware in the shape of twigs and leaves and, in the sink, the surprise of embossed frogs. The husband sometimes cooks in the new stone fireplace in the family room; the same Craftsman-style materials, palette and detailing—mahogany cabinets, slate flooring and backsplashes, leatherized countertops and oil-rubbed bronze hardware—run throughout both spaces to provide continuity.

THE BASICS: **DESIGNER:** Jason Landau, Amazing Spaces LLC, Briarcliff Manor, NY, 914-239-3725, amazingspacesllc.com **CONTRACTOR:** Comstock Residential Contractors, Briarcliff Manor, NY, 914-762-0100, comstockres.com **CABINETS:** Denla Cabinets **COOKTOP, REFRIGERATOR-FREEZER:** Thermador **MICROWAVE:** GE **DISHWASHER:** Miele **BACKSPLASH, FLOOR:** Slate **PENDANTS:** Mica
Photography by Peter Krupenye

INGREDIENTS *for* Success:

-  **1.** Rich mahogany cabinets feature Shaker doors, brackets and crown molding
-  **2.** Granite countertops with rust, light brown and charcoal veining work to camouflage stains
-  **3.** A brick-style slate tile backsplash adds earthiness and texture, and repeats the slate used on the floor
-  **4.** Mica lampshades on a trio of pendant lights maintain the nature-inspired feel
-  **5.** Ladderback stools reflect the period's penchant for straightforward, unadorned craftsmanship



 *mix of* **TEXTURES**

THE CHALLENGE ● Plan an open layout near the family room

● Build a multipurpose island on different levels with room to eat, prep and clean up

● Add a layering of natural and artificial light



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A mix of metals provides instant impact