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CUSTOM CABINETRY AND INNOVATIVE BUILT-INS MAKE FOR A KITCHEN THAT REALLY COOKS

Q&A with Erica Broberg Smith, co-founder of Smith River Kitchens in East Hampton. Got a question about kitchen or bath design or appliances? E-mail it to kitchen&batbiq@candgpublications.com

What do you need to think about when choosing the right light fixtures?

Decorative lighting is a great element to get creative and daring with. My husband, Scott Smith, who is also my business partner, and I recommend scouring antique-lighting shops to find something totally unique and fun. As with this kitchen, it can become a conversation piece and a significant design element.



What are the skinny cabinets in the island most useful for?

Skinny cabinets have verticality and add complexity and balance to an island, which is always a horizontal element. They're great for tray storage, cookie sheets and platters, which are all well used on the East End.

How does the backsplash tile enhance the overall look of the kitchen?

The tile—Glacé, by Ann Sacks—is opalescent slivers, arranged in a linear, lean proportion,

which is a refreshing and unique take on subway tile. The backsplash is an important element in any kitchen design—it can alter the mood from traditional to modern.



Treating Windows | The creams and browns of the window treatments complement the darker wood color of the island (LEFT).

Archway | Enclosing the hood with a soft, curved cabinet adds a touch of whimsy and femininity to the streamlined design (ABOVE). See Resources.