

Daily Blend

A Portland, Oregon, family of seven meld a love of cooking with a need for gathering space in their sunny kitchen.

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BRIGHT SPOT

A bank of windows in an adjacent porch is in full view of Marbie Kilmer's kitchen now that the wall between them has been removed.

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OPEN SHELVES
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GLANCE EASE

COLOR ADVANCES

Butter-color walls and green linoleum flooring give the kitchen, above, a fresh palette. Countertops are made of fireslate—a heat-resistant, cement-based material with a green tint.

TOP CHEFS

Steven Romero typically commands the commercial-grade range, right, for family meals, while the children, including Frances, Henry, and Mikola, hone their skills as his assistants.

Believe it or not, this 1904 Victorian home once had a cramped galley kitchen with only one window. Now the 17x15-foot sun-filled space incorporates plenty of room for the blended family of Steven Romero and Martie Kilmer. Here they enjoy birthday celebrations, prepare Sunday brunches, pack school lunches, and tackle the evening's homework assignments.

Steven is the primary cook, but two sinks, nearly three walls of counter space, and a large freestanding island encourage assembly-line help from the whole family. Open shelves for dishes, spices, and cookbooks, and pot racks mounted on the ceiling and the wall, keep kitchen essentials within reach.

A small porch was annexed to create a dining spot that floods the kitchen with sunlight. Outfitted with cushioned benches, the banquette welcomes activity at various times of the day. "We snack, read, work on art projects, and converse at the table," Martie says, "and there's always a deck of cards and dice ready for a rowdy game."



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CENTER STAGE

A butcher-block work table, right, provides prep space and tool storage. Framed in matching wood, a pot rack casually and conveniently holds a collection of well-used cookware.

ASSIGNED SEATS

Homework sessions take place under a schoolhouse-style light, below. With two benches, there's room for all five kids: Henry, Sofia, Mikola, Patrick, and Frances.



BEFORE



AFTER



CREATING A HUB

The family expanded the original 14x6-foot galley kitchen into the former dining room and narrow bath. The old kitchen space became an entry/mudroom with a new bath. An enclosed porch is now a small eating area with a new outside door. Two sinks, each located close to the range, create separate work zones.

For buying information see page 258.

RESOURCES

SOME PRODUCTS SHOWN EDITORIAL IN *BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS* MAGAZINE CAN BE OBTAINED LOCALLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR DEALER LOCATIONS, CONTACT MANUFACTURERS LISTED.



NATURAL SETTING

Page 28: wire basket—Target Stores; for a location target.com. Napkins—Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; crateandbarrel.com (product line varies). Table runner fabric—Jo-Ann Stores; 888/739-4120; joann.com.
Page 30: styrofoam form, seam binding, dried wheat, preserved bracken fern—Michael's Arts & Crafts; 800/642-4235; michael's.com. Hypericum berries, lemon leaf—available through local florists. White serving pieces—discontinued.
Page 32: napkins—Crate & Barrel (see previous). Pendant frames for name tags—Michael's Arts & Crafts (see previous). Glass candle coaster used as a trivet) paperweight—Crate & Barrel (see previous).



COMING OF AGE

Page 35: table, "Lugano"—World Market; worldmarket.com. Large pendant—Restoration Hardware; restorationhardware.com. Rug, chairs, cabinet—discontinued or personal belongings.
Pages 36-37: stainless-steel refrigerator—GE Appliances; 800/626-2005; geappliances.com. Stainless steel range—Thermador; 800/656-9226; thermador.com. Satin nickel pendants, "Benson Collection"—Restoration Hardware (see previous). Counter stools, mirror, chandelier, mirror—discontinued.
Page 38: sofa, "Hutton/Cloud," pillows—Room & Board; 800/901-9720; roomandboard.com. Rug, "Birch Morning"—Angela Adams; angelaadams.com.
Page 40: curtains, "Anna," similar style available—Pottery Barn; potterybarn.com. Paper cut and oval frame—Tina Tamoff; tinatamoff.etsy.com.
Page 42: pulls and knobs, "Traditional"—Restoration Hardware (see previous). Chair and ottoman—discontinued. Lighting, Hudson Valley; hudsonvalleylighting.com.

HARVEST BROWNS

Page 46: interior designer—Christopher Coffin, Christopher K. Coffin Designs; 480/945-4080; christopherdcoffindesign.com. Wall color (Oregon Trail) #1230—Benjamin Moore & Co.; benjaminmoore.com. Sofa—Brunschwig & Fils Co. (to the trade); brunschwig.com. Orange print pillows, "Fairmont/citron" #10830-03—Cowan & Tout Inc. (to the trade)—contact your local interior designer for more information. Animal print rug, "Antelope"—Couristan; 800/223-6186; couristan.com.
Page 48: design—Claire Reeve, Number Four Eleven; 912/443-0065; numberfourteen.com. All other items—antique, discontinued, or a personal belonging.

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HOUSE CALLS

Pages 50-57: designer—Stephen Saint-Onge; stephensaint-onge.com. All furniture (except where noted)—West Elm; 866/937-8356; westelm.com. Wallpaper—York Wallcoverings; yorkwall.com. Wallpaper hanger—Garnett Papering LLC; 1001 E. Young Ave. Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814; 208/664-4332 or 208/699-7953.
Page 50: jute rug, Roman shades—Lowe's; lowes.com. Curtain panels, "Jaya"—World Market; worldmarket.com.
Page 52: mirror—HomeGoods; to find a store 800/614-4663; homegoods.com (product line varies). Branch lamps—Target Stores; for a location target.com.
Page 54: lamps, ottoman—HomeGoods (see previous). Pillows, throw—World Market (see previous).
Page 56-57: Radio—Tivoli Audio; 877/297-9479; tivoliaudio.com.

LOOK AT FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Pages 58: wallpaper, "Shalimar" (Aqua)—Thibaut Wallpaper & Fabric; for a local dealer call 800/223-0704; thibautdesign.com. Plug-in picture light, Portfolio 16" Slim Line—Lowe's Home Improvement Stores; 800/445-6937; lowes.com. Coat rack—Urban Outfitters; urbanoutfitters.com. Rug, "Gunnison"—Dash & Albert Rug Co.; dashandalbert.com. Magnetic pushpins, Good Grips Mag Tack—Oxo; oxo.com. Pandan storage boxes, Nestlé—Organize.com; 800/600-9817; organize.com. Black-and-white photographs—Mark Kegans Photographs; markkegans.com.
Page 60: wallpaper, Plain Paper Weave in Yellow Beige, Eastern Expression Collection—Seabrook Designs; 800/238-9152; seabrookwallpaper.com. Wicker hamper—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com (product varies by location). Carpet tiles, "Needlepoint Stripe" (Brook)—FLOR; flor.com. Journals—HableConstruction.com. Rain boots—LL Bean; 800/441-5713; llbean.com.
Page 62: dresser, Letter Chest—Better Homes and Gardens furniture collection produced under license by Universal Furniture; to find a retailer call 877/804-5525; bhgfurniture.com. Wallpaper, #5BK6276, Carey Lind Riviera Collection—Seabrook Wallcoverings; seabrookwallpaper.com. Umbrella stand (painted white)—Pien; piens.com. Rug, "Happy Trellis"—Shades of Light (see previous). Tote—LL Bean (see previous). Letter opener—See Jane Work; 805/499-2465; seejanework.com.



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Pages 68-72: dishwasher—Bosch; 800/866-2022; boschappliances.com. Sinks—Elkay Mfg. Co.; 800/223-5529; elkay.com. Cabinetry, custom—Heritage Woodworking; 330/262-2920; heritagewoodworking.com. Flooring, "Marmouium"—Ecohouse; 877/432-6428; ecohouse.com. Lighting—Schoolhouse Electric; 800/630-7173; schoolhouseelectric.com.

Page 70: countertop, "Fireslate"—Ecohouse (see previous). Viking Professional range, vent hood—Viking Range Corp.; 888/845-4641; vikingrange.com. Page 72: banquette cushion fabric—The Whole 9 Yards; 503/223-2880; w9yards.com. Pot rack—custom, Butcher-block island—John Boos; 888/431-2667; johnboos.com.

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8 GREAT IDEAS FOR A GREEN REDO

Page 90: fireplace wall, barn siding #107—Elmwood Reclaimed Timber; 800/705-0705; elmwoodreclaimedtimber.com. Fireplace surround, "Flagstone" (Green)—Country Floors; 310/657-0510; countryfloors.com. Ceiling color (Naturalist Gray), trim color (True North)—The Freshaire Choice; 866/880-0304; thefreshairechoice.com or homedepot.com. Picture, "Cageless"—Etsy.com. Mirrors—West Elm; 866/937-8356; westelm.com. Hurricanes—JC Penney; 800/332-1180; jcp.com. Sconces, "Venetian" (Bronze)—Visual Comfort & Co. (to the trade); 713/686-5999; visualcomfort.com. Floor lamp and shade—Barbara Cosgrove Lamps; 816/221-3461; barbaracosgrovelamps.com. Chairs, sofa, #3278, long pillow, ottoman—Lee Ind.; 800/892-7150; leeindustries.com. Bird pillows—Design Legacy (to the trade); 314/748-6118; design-legacy.com. Carpet, bound edge Smart Strand #6102 Asian Silk—Mohawk Ind.; 800/266-4295; mohawk.com.
Pages 92-95: ottomans, "Parker" K31—Rowe Fine Furniture; for nearest dealer call 800/334-7693; rowefurniture.com. Wall application, "Cimarron" Maritime finish—American Clay Enterprises, LLC; 866/404-1634; americanclay.com. Clay installer, local—Finished Edge; 515/261-7300. Wood for table—Elmwood Reclaimed Timber (see previous). Mirror, bird book-ends, tapered urn—Wisteria; 800/320-9757; wisteria.com. Sconces (Bronze) "Bryant"—Visual Comfort & Co. (see previous). "Bacchus Demi John" bottles—Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams; for retail information 800/789-5401; mgandbw.com. Fern print, artist: Edward Lowe—Art.com; 800/952-5592; art.com. Cabinet color, exterior (Slate Rock), interior (Rooftop Garden)—The Freshaire Choice (see previous). Fern print I & II, artist: Edward Lowe—Art.com; 800/952-5592; art.com. Mushrooms—Roost (to the trade); roost.com. Pulls, copper tube—Bitters Co.; 866/664-2488; bittersco.com. Mercury Glass Candle Sticks—The Company Store; 800/285-3696; thecompanystore.com. Blue pillows—JC Penney (see previous). Cabinet doors, six panel "Summit" doors—Quality Doors/A MASCO Brand available through Lowe's Home Improvement Stores; 800/445-6937; lowes.com or The Home Depot USA; for a store location; homedepot.com. Log pillows—Norwegian Woods; 514/750-3272. Ottoman—Lee Ind. (see previous). End table—Urban Evolutions; 920/380-4149 Ext. 0; urbanevolutions.com.
Page 96: pictures on shelf—original art by Meredith Ladik; meredith.drummond@earthlink.net. Cameos—Design Legacy (see previous). Shelf—Elmwood Reclaimed Timber (see previous). Wicker garden table—Mainly Baskets; 800/647-3728; cottagehomemaine.com. Rug—World Market; 877/967-5362; worldmarket.com. Cherry floors—Mullican Flooring (to the trade); 800/844-6366 for a dealer; mullicanflooring.com. Drapery fabric, "Slubby Linen" (Chocolate and Linen)—Calico Corners; 800/213-6366; calicocorners.com.