Boston What's hot in culinary design these days? Soapstone, butler's pantries, and, of course, plenty of counter space. Turn the page to explore five thoughtfully crafted kitchens that will no doubt inspire your own renovation—and get you cooking. BY RACHEL SLADE | PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB O'CONNOR | STYLING BY CHRISSY BEALE

URBAN PIONEER

Folk-art details and complementary hues create an inviting culinary setting in Cambridge.





APPLIANCES

DISHWASHER Fisher & Paykel tall double drawer. RANGE Bluestar dual-fuel RNB Series. RANGEHOOD Bluestar Proline. REFRIGERATOR Perlick Signature Series freestanding double-drawer refrigerator and freezer. All purchased through Eurostoves.

BACKSPLASH

Ceramic field tile in Zeppelin green, DiscoverTile.

CABINETRY

Custom wood painted with Benjamin Moore "Gray Mirage" (exteriors) and "American Cheese" (interiors), Boston Woodworks.

COUNTERTOPS

Zinc and solid walnut, Brooks Custom.

DINING TABLE

Custom heart pine top, Longleaf Lumber; custom base, Tresfort Metal Works.

FLOORING

Natural cork in carbon, Father & Son Floorcraft.

HARDWARE

One-inch antiqued brass pulls, White Chapel.

LIGHTING

Carravaggio Steng-Flo ceramic pendant, Omnilight.

PAINT

"Midnight Rain"
(bookshelf interior),
"Bittersweet Chocolate" (painted countertops), and "Cotton Balls" (ceiling), all Benjamin Moore.

SINK AND FAUCET

Custom integral zinc sink, Brooks Custom; pedal-operated chrome faucet, Chicago Faucets.



GET THE LOOK





TEA FOR TWO Heath Ceramics teapot, \$190, Didriks.



COCKTAIL HOUR Woodstock pitcher, \$140, Simon Pearce.

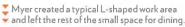


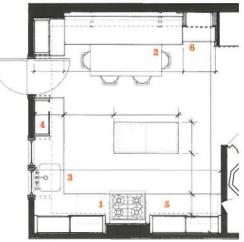


A wraparound shelf showcases the owner's pottery collection and unifies the room.









SMART MOVES

- **2 COZY SEATING** The generous built-in banquette welcomes friends and family into the kitchen.
- 3 HANDS-FREE FIXTURES The foot-operated faucet, a design common in commercial kitchens, reduces the spread of dirt and germs.
- 4 FOLK-ART DETAILS Thoughtful, handmade details like this punched-tin medallion give the room a homey look.
- **5 EASY ACCESS** Custom drawer inserts keep pans separated and within reach.
- **6 SIMPLE TOUCHES** A few drill holes turn the Shaker-front cabinets into works of art.



