

Warm and Inviting Rustic Kitchens



Look to raw and natural materials to create a cozy cottage vibe full of charm

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Contemporary white kitchens may be having their moment, but if you're looking to create a warm, inviting atmosphere reminiscent of a mountain lodge or cabin, look to rustic style. Not sure where to start? Let the raw wood, natural stone and antique finishes of these three kitchens lead the way.

Beauty by the Bay



Farmhouse Kitchen by Denise Stringer Interior Design

Designer: Denise Stringer

Location: Cousins Island, Yarmouth, Maine

Size: 341 square feet (31.6 square meters); 19½ by 18½ feet (5.9 by 5.6 meters)

Homeowners' request: A kitchen with a large island to function as the main gathering spot in the home. This is part of an addition to an existing rustic cottage, and the homeowners wanted the two to blend seamlessly. Opening a wall brought in sweeping views of Casco Bay.

Special features: Wide-plank pine floors, sanded plaster walls and boards, and beams salvaged from an old barn in Pennsylvania. A custom-designed hood with hammered aged copper, distressed wood and wrought iron strapping and brackets. The base of the island was painted with black milk paint and then torched to give it an aged, crackled finish. An antique slate farmhouse sink. For the perimeter countertops, black granite was flamed and wire-brushed to create a more rustic feel. These sit atop alder cabinets with a warm brown distressed finish.



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Who uses it: A retired NHL player and his family.

Splurges and savings: The homeowners saved by going with more affordable cabinetry for the perimeter and splurged on the custom island, granite countertops and custom artisanal range hood.

Nitty-gritty: Stools: Woodland Furniture; perimeter cabinets: Wood Harbor; island: custom-built by Phi Home Designs; farmhouse sink: slate, Monson Maine Slate Co.; refrigerators: Sub-Zero, Agren Appliances; dishwasher: Asko, Agren Appliances; stove and hood interior: Viking; hardware: Rocky Mountain Hardware; faucet: Rohl; cabinet insets: antique blown glass, Phoenix Glass; hood: custom-made by Warren Construction Group; island countertop: polished Niagara Gold African granite; perimeter countertop: flamed and brushed Angola Gold (black) granite; floors: wide-plank pine, Wood Mill

Also on the team: Peter Warren of Warren Construction Group; John Weinrich (architect); Randy Lane (plasterer); Robin Amorello of Atmoscaper Design; Tony Castro (historic restoration); Phi Home Designs (custom island); Morningstar Stone and Tile; David Burt (ornamental blacksmith); Jonathan Reece Photography

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