

A New Kitchen's Vintage Style

The smart use of reclaimed wood and striking white-plank walls makes this brand-new Alabama lake house look like it's been in the family for generations.

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Pendant lights

Studio Aspen iron lamps by Visual Comfort illuminate the islands. \$315; circa-lighting.com.

Refrigerator

The 48-inch Sub-Zero (far left) has an industrial-style glass front. \$14,480; subzero.com.

Counter stools

Bongo stools by Lee Industries are upholstered in nail-head-trimmed faux leather, so they're easy to clean. From \$660 each; leeindustries.com.



tHE HOUSE IS BRAND-NEW, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT," SAYS Paige Schnell of Tracery Interiors, who spent four years tracking down salvaged materials like reclaimed oak beams and flooring for her client's second home on Lake Martin in central Alabama. The kitchen has only a few cabinets (a large pantry provides plenty of storage); instead, open shelves display vintage French and English stoneware (at left). Though more modern

“The boards on the walls are a nod to the wood planks in old lake houses—there's no sheetrock in the entire house.”

— PAIGE SCHNELL

than the rest of the space, the two four-foot-square islands with stained-walnut legs and Carrera marble countertops work with the overall look. One is for prep, with a microwave and warming drawers on one side and flatware and napkin drawers on the other. The second is for setting out a buffet or for casual meals. Turn the page for more details. traceryinteriors.com.



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Plank walls Schnell horizontally installed six-inch-wide pine planks with a ¼-inch groove between the boards. The walls and cabinets are painted Benjamin Moore China White. benjaminmoore.com.

Reclaimed-wood floors The white-oak floors, salvaged from a barn in Vermont, were finished with layers of stain and paint to emphasize their age. Most of the oak beams were also salvaged from barns and warehouses.

Pot filler The Rohl faucet (previous page) was mounted extra-high above the stove to fit stockpots for soup and shrimp boils. “We measured the pots to make sure they would work,” Schnell says. *From \$870; rohlhome.com.*

Drawer pulls Schnell used two styles of satin-nickel pulls from Restoration Hardware: “Hanson” in the kitchen and “Duluth” in the pantry (at left). *From \$8 each; restorationhardware.com.*

Integrated appliances The pantry cabinet fronts hide two Fisher & Paykel dishwasher drawers (*from \$650 each; fisherpaykel.com*) and two Sub-Zero refrigerator drawers (*\$3,560 each*).

Pantry storage *The pantry takes advantage of 12-foot ceilings with three kinds of storage: drawers, shelves with sliding glass fronts and upper cabinets with custom steel-cut panels that are similar to those on the house’s stair railings. A custom 9-foot ladder rolls across on a steel rod. putnamrollingladder.com.*

Vintage chandelier

The 19th-century Italian fixture once held candles; Schnell had it wired for electricity.

Dining table

Schnell designed the 10-foot antique oak table with pedestals, because it’s easier to add seating when there aren’t corner legs in the way. *\$9,900; traceryinteriors.com.*



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