

Cooking Alfresco: Outdoor Kitchens That Sizzle

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## In Good Company

AFTER RAISING A large family, these empty-nesters in Statesboro, Georgia, keep their home bustling by frequently entertaining friends. But a small kitchen without designated areas made food prep difficult for the cook because all the guests ended up in her work area. So they called on Mary Ann Franklin, CKD, of Designs By Five to completely gut and remodel their kitchen.

To make more room for guests, Franklin took out the walls surrounding the large walk-in pantry and fashioned a wonderful wine bar, which is now the gathering place for visitors. There is plenty of room for lots of people, and the cook can still enjoy her company while working with ease.

Because Franklin used the pantry closet space for the bar, there was no window. So she had a vineyard mural painted on the back wall. Now, it's as if you are looking out over the grapevines, and it really opens up the space. Other notable features include a custom distressed finish on the island and antique seeded, leaded glass instead of regular glass.

Thanks to Franklin's well-informed design solutions, the happy homeowners are entertaining more than ever before. And the lady of the house? She's thrilled to finally have plenty of room to maneuver while hobnobbing with her guests. «



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### SPECIAL FEATURES

Multilevel cook's island with custom finish and antique glass display cabinets, turned legs, decorative onlays, and corbels; handmade tile backsplash

### DIMENSIONS

17'6" x 8'9"

### PRODUCTS USED

Cabinetry: Geppetto Kitchens  
 Countertops: Granite  
 Sink(s): Kohler, Link-a-Sink  
 Faucet(s): Rohl, Cifal  
 Refrigerator: GE Monogram  
 Cooktop: Thermador  
 Oven: Thermador  
 Dishwasher: Bosch  
 Wine Cooler: GE Monogram  
 Bar Refrigerator: Scotsman  
 Wallcovering: Benjamin Moore Paint

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