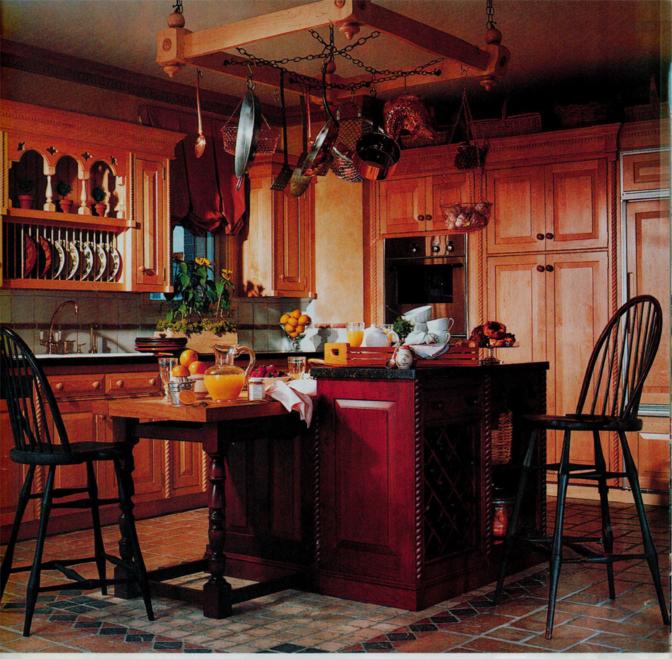


kitchen is a kitchen is a kitchen? Think again. Today's kitchens are bigger, better equipped, and more versatile than ever. We present several variations of beautiful and functional kitchens, each with its own sense of style-from Colonial to Arts and Crafts. They all share some key characteristics: an appreciation for architecture, a generous application of color and texture, and a thoughtful design in which appliances are not hidden but serve as part of the scheme. The kitchen in the 1722 Bull House (this page) in Orange County, New York, was designed to reflect "the kind of kitchen that William Bull would have built if he had had the resources available to him," says Joe Madda of Masterwork Kitchens, a kitchen design firm. The company selected cabinets by Heritage in a soft green. Pine floors and exposed beams hearken back to pre-Revolutionary days, while KitchenAid appliances bring the room up to date. Photography by Maura McEvoy.







Architectural details play a key role in this kitchen, which features cabinetry from Wood-Mode. The work island is used as a piece of furniture—it offers space for seating and storage—and is offset from the cabinetry by its dark wood. A decorative cornice on the wall draws the eye down to the Lancaster doorstyle cabinetry, designed by Tom Johnson and Anna Mesaikos of American Classic Kitchens. The sink is by Kohler, and the faucet is from Franke. The geometric backsplash (left) and the hood above the Gaggenau cooktop serve as decorative elements. Accessories such as stoneware in the display cabinet, Shaker boxes, and delftware lend a personal touch. Standing askew on the table is a grip stand bowl. Based on a 200-year-old design, the bowl offers a comfortable angle for mixing dough. Photography by Judith Watts.