A KITCHEN THAT WORKS THE CROWD

Prime seating, intriguing collections, and an easy flow for mixing and mingling: Careful, they’ll stay well past midnight.

Mohair Banquette: “This corner is so comfortable, everyone gravitates here,” says Cavin-Winfrey, who framed the benches in walnut and covered them in mohair, which is “virtually indestructible.”

Globe Lighting: The custom fixture was re-created from one the designer spotted in Los Angeles and blends playful spheres with the room’s rectilinear configuration. “It’s like something from a different era.”

Marble Walls: A white stone perimeter feels “new and clean” and creates a character-building contrast with the reclaimed walnut islands, “which feel like they’ve been there a hundred years.”

Double Islands: “Older homes love symmetry,” and given the sheer volume of the space, double islands honor that sense of balance. One is outfitted with an ice machine, sink, and beverage-drawer to double as an informal bar.

Coffered Ceiling: “The grid complements the room’s symmetry.” The paint is custom-matched to the cabinetry for harmony within the space.

Corner Cabinet: “We needed vertical storage but wanted it light and period-appropriate. Metal mesh from Britain makes it feel less solid and heavy and accents the gold elements elsewhere in the room.”

LaCanche Range: The kitchen’s crown jewel, a French range trimmed in brass and nickel inspired the custom hood. “We massaged and massaged the design to get the proportions right. The rivets alone are stunning, with so much beautiful detail.”

THE BLACK-TIE POWDER ROOM

An elegant leaded-glass window, peskily off-center, made the powder room “the perfect geometric challenge.” Ralph Lauren silk wallpaper in buttoned-up pinstripes sets it straight and harmonizes with an equally dapper marble chevron floor. Antiques parrot sconces and a Lucite-and-gold sink base bring additional hints of fun “without going over-the-top.”

Best-Dressed List

Four More Freestanding Vanities That Bring Polished Style to Small Guest Baths

Couture Cabinetry Pulls

Handwrought Details and Mixed-Materials Add Bling to Kitchen Built-Ins

Country Sophisticate

Tuxedo pull in white bronze, $89; rockymountainhardware.com.

English Equestrian

Hemp leather pull in chestnut and nickel, $79; waterworks.com.

French Neoclassical

Louis XVI draped tassel pull in antique gold, $178; pegueaux.com.

Uptown Urban

Lisbon pull in pearl charcoal, to the trade, worlds-away.com.

Art Deco

Step pull in polished nickel, $95; worlds-away.com.

FOR TOWN pedestal sink by Michael S. Smith, $1,895; kobelski.com.

Single Taw vanity basin in green verde Guatemala, $6,275; drummonds-uk.com.

Bristol sink base with drawers in onyx, $3,395; jtribble.com.

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