



Petite perfection

The kitchen isn't large by luxury-home standards, but it's filled with function and style. "Beautiful millwork is the key to this space," Herlong says, noting the room's exquisite crown molding and custom cabinetry, which were designed to look clean and classic. "My clients wanted a casual family kitchen that also had a lot of warmth and character."

Situated at the heart of the upper level, the kitchen features an open layout that flows toward the living and dining rooms. The function comes in the use of clever storage and meticulous space planning. For example, a butler's pantry discreetly tucks into an alcove near the refrigerator, allowing decorative items to shine without sacrificing functionality. Glass-front doors on some of the ceiling-height cabinets turn hard-to-reach spaces into display areas.

KITCHEN HUB The island, *above*, is a workhorse. It houses the sink, provides seating, and, with open shelves, is a handy storage space for cookbooks. **TILE STYLE** With white tiles placed at different angles, the backsplash, *left*, gains interest. **WELCOME CONTRAST** Rich walnut flooring, *opposite*, grounds the cabinetry,

INSPIRED LIGHTING

A chandelier adds unexpected kitchen flair. Recessed lights boost the room's illumination.

