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A Winning Recipe

Old friends collaborate on a handsome new kitchen.

It was the classic New England transformation tale: a charming 100-year-old colonial with great bones that didn't work for modern living. Especially the kitchen. Fortunately, the owners had an ace up their sleeves: the wife was an old friend of Danielle McClure, who with her mother, Catherine Skaletsky, runs **Catherine & McClure Interiors**. "When it came to the interior design," says the owner, "they knew us better than we knew ourselves."

But before the designers could step in, Leaf Design Associates was commissioned to expand and open the kitchen, making it a hub for family activity and entertaining. During a conversation about incorporating a breakfast bay with a built-in seat, Richard Leaf pitched a pavilion-gazebo-style nook with an octagonal roof. "It was a bit of a



leap of faith," Leaf remembers, but the owners enthusiastically bit. Thirteen feet at its peak with a beadboard ceiling, it's a dramatic focal point.

The owners' willingness to trust their team comes through in the interior design as well. McClure and Skaletsky ran with an all-white palette for a light, airy look. "We focused on the details to add layers of interest," says McClure, noting the backs of the chinoiserie-style breakfast chairs, the criss-cross base of the table, and Aerin's Hampton chandelier inspired by flowers and leaves. Marble countertops and an iridescent glass-tile backsplash round out the look, while a navy bench adds a hit of color in kid-friendly faux leather. An inviting reminder that this new kitchen is a perfect space for family to gather—or, in the case of the designers and homeowners, for old friends to reconnect. | *Catherine & McClure Interiors, Boston, catherineandmcclure.com; Leaf Design Associates, Winchester, Mass., leafdesignassociates.com; ADK Construction, Medford, Mass., adk.construction*

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