





HOW SWEDE IT IS

Clever storage, bright colors, and a love for all things Swedish keep this kitchen family-friendly.

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MIXED INSPIRATION

Blend artist Carl Larsson's work with a kick of Pippi Longstocking, and you have the Scandinavian inspiration for the kitchen of two Swedish expatriates and their children.

SAFE DISPLAY

Shelves wrapping high around the perimeter keep the pottery collection safe in this high-action kitchen. They also serve as decorative storage, adding visual interest in place of upper cabinets.



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VARIED TEXTURES

Reeded-glass fronts, sturdy stainlesssteel hardware, and a painted-wood finish turn counter-level cabinets into accent pieces that keep everyday dishware close at hand.

EASY ACCESS

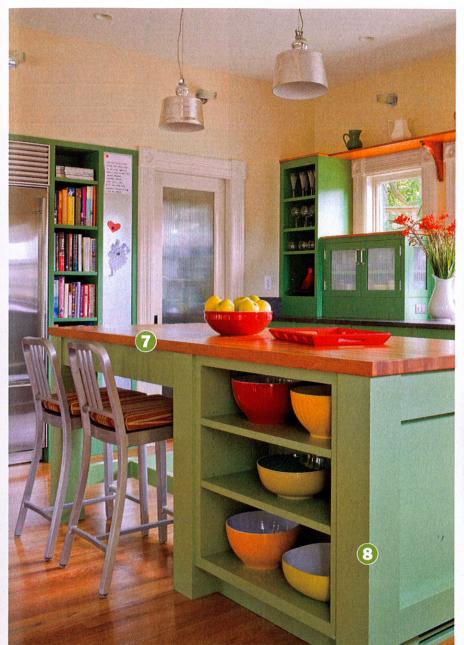
Café curtains
instead of doors on
the base cabinets
contribute to the
colorful and playful
decor while still
keeping contents
out of sight.

COUNTER CULTURE

The two countertoplevel storage pieces, designed to match the base cabinetry, flank the sink, providing muchneeded storage at an easy-access height.

HOOK IT UP

Frequently used pots and pans hanging near the range are just a grab away during meal prep. With this open storage method, there's no need to towel them dry—the air takes care of it.





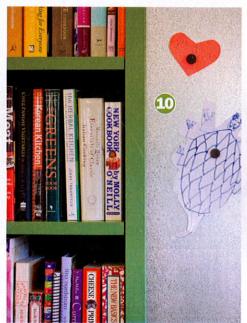


TABLE FOR TWO

While the couple's two boys regularly run and play around the kitchen, a place at the island for them to do schoolwork or sit and enjoy a meal—all while staying clear of the meal prep zone—was a must.

OUT IN THE OPEN

Mixing bowls on open shelves stay in easy reach when the children assist with baking prep at the island; the bright colors complement the curtains below the perimeter countertops.

SHINE THE LIGHT

Mercury glass pendants provide task lighting for meal prep or when the island serves as homework central. The simple design and finish complement the cabinetry hardware.

READY REFERENCES

A stack of built-in shelves keeps the cookbook collection organized. To the right, a magnetic galvanized-metal board displays the children's masterpieces.

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