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To make your house truly your home, you need the best facilitators in your corner to help your ideal design become reality. The homeowner of this airy, bright kitchen built around a core of functional efficiency achieved just that thanks to a fantastic partnership with Cornerstone Contracting. Cornerstone worked closely with her to ensure that every facet of the kitchen—from the grand flourishes to the min-

ute details—were exactly according to the client's specifications.

The homeowner carefully calibrated her kitchen to make certain she would not have to take too many steps while preparing food, and also decided that the dining table would be the heart of the space, close to all the activity. While lounging at the table or doing homework there, family members and guests can easily engage with those in the kitchen.





The island in the kitchen proper, topped with a faint celery-green marble, is kept free of appliances to allow easy food preparation or buffet staging. As the second heartbeat, the island also encourages congregation, with McGuire chairs grouped on two sides, making it easy for people to face each other and talk. Drawers within the island are outfitted with sleeves for easy organization of lids. A cutting board stands at one end of the island across from the sink, and an integrated hole allows refuse to be scraped into a compost heap bin within the cabinet.

Dark oak flooring emphasizes the bright openness of the kitchen, while a terrific paned window looks out on an English-style herb garden featuring a fountain. The kitchen lighting was deliberately kept simple: functional and not distracting, it embraces the client's love of circles. A luxurious walk-in butler's pantry is the perfect example of this kitchen's beautiful efficiency. Its glassed-in shelves provide easy access to organized appliances, serving pieces, roasting pans and more, and accompanying drawers store silver. A dazzling light fixture is the final touch, elevating the pantry to pure sophistication. Undeniably, the ideal is made real in this superb kitchen.



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