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The Manor Reborn

In Birmingham, Alabama, a kitchen's Tudor charm is reinvented for modern living by local firm Bates Corkern Studio.

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In a 1920s Tudor house, Jeremy Corkern and Thomas Paul Bates were given a challenge: Design a kitchen that reflects the past as well as the present. New steel casement windows echo the period, but the island feels more contemporary with its waterfall edge. Quartersawn white oak was bleached, limed, and then waxed to make the cabinets. “The liming wears off around the knobs, and that creates patina, so it looks both warm and modern,” says Corkern. —Christine Pittel

1 TWIN RANGES

The client wanted two full-size ovens, but the designers preferred to avoid the typical wall-oven configuration. “Nothing dates a kitchen more than double ovens and wall-hung cabinets,” Bates says. Instead, they chose two 30-inch Wolf ranges with four burners each. “You get a great look and all the function you need,” says Corkern.

2 CUSTOM HOOD

A stainless steel hood big enough to cover the two stainless steel ranges “would have been too much stainless steel,” says Bates. So they chose a gracefully curved hood by Best and had it covered in plaster. It’s a softer look, and the plaster has the same tone as the two-inch-thick Imperial Danby marble on the backsplash, counters, and island.

3 BAY WINDOW

It’s the big gesture, adding light and drama. The casements were custom made to match the existing windows, and an inviting banquette runs the length of the window, so the whole family can gather at the breakfast table. The new kitchen window now aligns with the dining room window, and you can see straight through the house.

4 WHITE OAK

This beautifully grained wood was carved into brackets, to frame the bay window, and hewn into beams, to add character to the ceiling. “We were thinking about how English kitchens look,” Corkern says. “That’s why the only upper cabinets are set on the counter or go down to the floor, like the pantry cupboard. It feels more like an old larder that way.”

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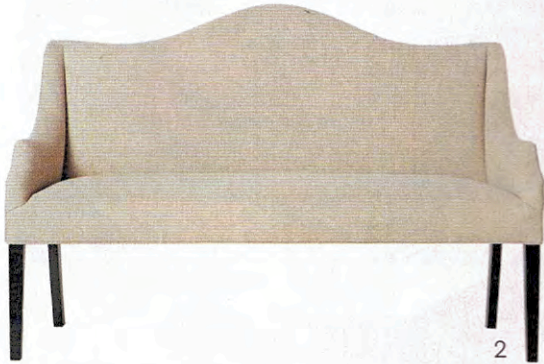
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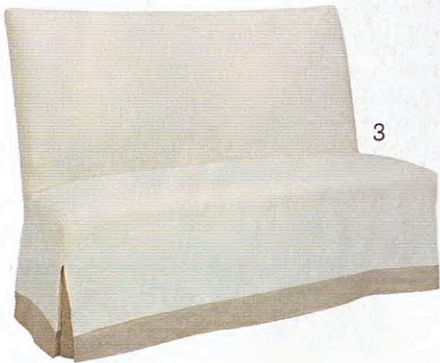
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