

DREAM Kitchens

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Dramatic Details

Sharon and James Gumro's kitchen is all about drama. The vaulted ceiling, accented by mahogany beams, rises 21 feet, and a stone archway grandly marks the entrance to the room. At the center of the far wall, limestone tile surrounds the range, mimicking the look of the

eye-catching limestone hearth in the adjacent family room. Despite the 16x18-foot room's volume and grandeur, it feels warm and welcoming—thanks to nature-inspired colors, rustic materials, and a wall of windows that brings in an abundance of natural light.



OPPOSITE: A stone archway separates the kitchen from the adjoining breakfast area and family room. Inside the kitchen, the tall ceiling allows the inclusion of elegant mahogany beams and transom windows.

LEFT: Cabinet panels disguise a refrigerator and freezer drawers. The cabinetry features a simple design with a distressed finish to complement the room's old-world architecture.

ABOVE: Decorative tiles over the range replicate the look of a painted mural.



ABOVE: Dark cabinetry and large corbels lend formality to the island.

OPPOSITE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The island incorporates four refrigerator drawers.

A brushed stainless-steel faucet offers a subtle contrast above oil-rubbed-bronze cabinetry hardware.

Decorative molding and glass-front doors enhance the look of upper cabinets.

The pot-filler faucet eases the cook's workload at the stove.

This heart of the home is just how the Gumros envisioned the cooking space when they hired architect Dominick Tringali to help them with the design in their new Michigan house. "We knew that we were very interested in the old-world look with a combination of brick and stone," Sharon says. Tringali's firm regularly brings outside materials inside the home to subtly blend indoors and out, and the kitchen's stone archway accomplishes this goal in a big way.

To emphasize the old-world look, the team quickly decided on the kitchen's high ceiling and mahogany beams, and then chose a matching mahogany floor and contrasting cream cabinets with an applied molding and raised panel design. Glaze adds depth to the cabinetry and

enhances the room's aged character, while darker cabinets on the island pull the eye to the center of the room. Granite countertops and a tumbled-stone backsplash bring additional natural materials into the mix. A warm, caramel-color paint adds warmth to the walls.

Behind its old-world style, the kitchen boasts plenty of modern function that makes cooking and entertaining easy. Cabinet panels hide a refrigerator and freezer drawers on one wall, while additional refrigerator drawers and a warming drawer are tucked into the island. Pullouts near the range offer smart storage for spices, while a knife drawer topped by a pullout cutting board adds convenience to the sink area. **OK**

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