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In this airy kitchen, custom details abound, including the zinc stove hood and intricate tile backsplash.

A Classic Update

What took less than four months to create has left this 1928 Tudor-style home with a kitchen upgrade designed to hold its own for years to come. When interior designer Claudette Andrew of Westborough Design Center, Inc. of Westborough, Massachusetts came onto the scene, the homeowner's kitchen was constructed somewhat haphazardly with little regard to function.

A unique shape, the kitchen and entertainment area was made up of four different rooms: the main kitchen facing the back of the house, a three-season breezeway that stepped down to the exterior, a small butler's pantry and eat-in kitchen. Taking those four separate areas, Andrew created an L-shape design that gave the homeowners the practicality they needed without bumping out for an addition. Due to the shape, Andrew had to design for multi-functional, varying work stations that include a 48" dual fuel Wolf range, prep sink, 24" Fisher Paykel double-drawer dishwasher, 24" under-counter wine storage and banquette. "If people do have the space, we try to have different stations," says Andrew, "As many as you can to make it [the kitchen] work for more than just one person."

Kept simple, the kitchen has crown molding and wainscot-



ing, and is outfitted with classic custom, white Greenfield cabinetry with white, beaded inset details. The cabinet hardware is transitional in satin silver and the wood door panels on the dishwasher and fridge are made to look like furniture pieces. The Costa Esmeralda granite has a polished look but with a beautiful splash of color. Wanting a modern flair, but keeping within the confines of an older home, the couple chose more contemporary stools for seating, and a hand-honed subway tile backsplash. Since the homeowners love the look of an arch-style wooden hood, Andrew customized a zinc hood with a similar design. "It's the focal point of the whole kitchen," says Andrew. "It gives the space lots of dimension and is balanced with the 4' range below." —D.C.