

Kitchen Design Kitchen of the Week

# Kitchen of the Week: Historic Charm and Modern Sensibility

This renovated room in Salt Lake City adds function and space while staying true to the 1927 home's period style



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*Photos by Kerri Fukui*

## Kitchen at a Glance

Who lives here: A couple who recently moved to the city to downsize and be closer to grandchildren

Location: The 15th & 15th neighborhood of Salt Lake City

Size: 250 square feet (23.2 square meters)

Designer: Susannah Holmberg of CityhomeCollective

Scope of work: The homeowners worked with Susannah Holmberg of CityhomeCollective to take the existing space down to the studs. They also removed a wall between the kitchen and the adjacent dining room to let in more light and expand the kitchen.



Palette: The team worked within the style and era of the home (built in 1927) to create a final design that was both classic and fresh. Holmberg went for a traditional farmhouse feel with Shaker cabinets and classic hardware. She then

chose whites and soft grays that are warm and classic rather than stark and modern.

*Paint: All White (walls) and Elephant's Breath (cabinets), Farrow & Ball; ceiling-mount light fixture: Schoolhouse Electric & Supply Co.; backsplash tile: Waterworks; counter stools: Riviera backless, Serena & Lily; [find similar stools](#)*



New island: Although most appliances stayed in the same locations (a cost-saving measure), a new island was built to house the range and to serve as a gathering spot for family and friends.

*Appliances: Dacor*

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Mini office: A small writing desk was added to the kitchen as a station for paying bills and writing notes.

*Cabinetry and desk: Benchmark Woodworking; stool: Garde; drawer and cabinet pulls: Restoration Hardware*

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The homeowners' collection of copper pots and pans hangs decoratively (and functionally) over the island.

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Floor: New and old flooring meet under the island where a wall once existed. Because the original hardwood floor was old and shallow, a cabinetmaker planed down each board individually so that the new flooring could be seamless with the old.

*Countertops: Aspen Countertops*

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Open concept: Tones and textures flow gracefully into the dining room, which was specifically designed to complement the new kitchen. Black spindle chairs add a contrast and pick up the dark kitchen hardware. Farmhouse sink: Signature Hardware; faucet: California Faucets; dining chandelier: Plaza, Schoolhouse Electric & Supply Co.; table: Adams in walnut, Room & Board; chairs: Tucker, Serena & Lily; see similar chairs



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Versatility: The table extends so that the homeowners can entertain, but when it's just the two of them, the smaller table provides a great spot for a coffee break.

*Round jute rug: [Serena & Lily](#); [browse similar rugs](#)*

**Contractor: [Kyzer Construction](#)**

**Cabinetmaker: [Benchmark Woodworking](#)**

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