

# Blue Ribbon Kitchen

PRIZE PICKS AND SHOWSTOPPING RECIPES FOR THE HEART OF YOUR HOME



Take a look at this view!

**KITCHEN  
OF THE  
MONTH!**

This farmhouse kitchen has a secret: It's only 2 years old! Here's how to serve up old-fashioned character in a brand-new space.

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# 10 WAYS TO ADD CHARM

Rustic textures, cottage accents, and a retro palette give Bob and Debby Glamb's Virginia kitchen classic farmhouse style.

**1 MINTY PAINT** The Glambs tried five greens (see below) before choosing this hue. Neutral accents take the pastel from sweet to sophisticated.

**2 MILK GLASS LIGHTING** At almost 16 inches wide, these pendants are just the right scale for the nearly 7-foot-long island. **Pendants:** Rejuvenation, \$645; [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com)

**3 PANELED WALLS** Made from leftover trim used throughout the house, the surface evokes early-20th-century cabinetry.

**4 FARMHOUSE SINK** At 10 inches deep, it hides a multitude of sins (like last night's dishes). **Sink:** Elkay, \$1,236; [elkay.com](http://elkay.com)

**5 DURABLE COUNTERS** The cool surface looks like marble but is actually honed granite, which wears better *and* costs less than the real thing.



**6 RECLAIMED BEAMS** Hickory timbers salvaged from an old barn in Pennsylvania give this new space authentic farmhouse style.

**7 BUILT-IN HUTCH** The pass-through window works as an extra buffet surface when Debby entertains. Open plate racks and lower cabinets (designed to look like drawers) that can be accessed from both sides make setting the breakfast table a cinch.

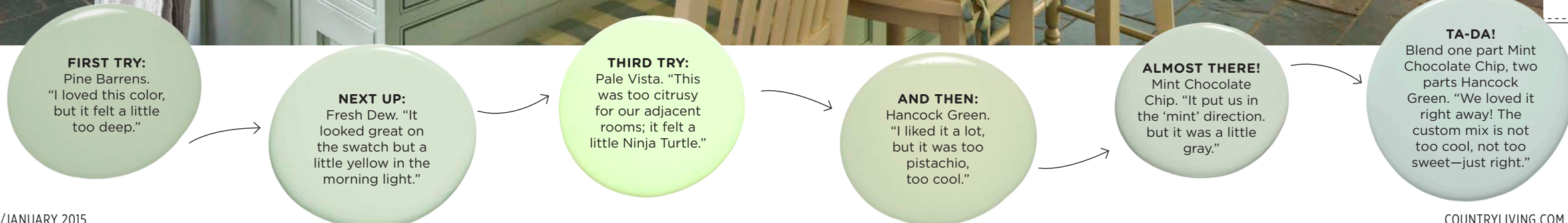
**8 PREP SINK** During parties, Debby packs this extra deep sink with ice and uses it as a makeshift wine cooler.

**9 COMFY STOOLS** Slatted backs and graphic gingham cushions make it all the easier for Debby's guests to sit down and stay awhile. **Stools:** The Canadel Furniture Company, [canadel.com](http://canadel.com)

**10 SLATE FLOORS** Architect Donald Lococo gave 12" x 12" tiles a more traditional look by cutting them in half and laying them in a "running bond" pattern, similar to how bricks are laid.

## THE (BUMPY!) PATH TO THE PERFECT PAINT

After some trial and error, here's how Bob and Debby landed on this enviable minty shade. (All colors are Benjamin Moore.)





## MEET THE COOK!

Homeowner Debby Glamb gives us an insider's look at her cheerful kitchen.

**WHO DOES THE COOKING**  
I do, but the kids love to make breakfast on the weekends.

**BEST DESIGN ADVICE**  
Try a dark floor surface. Ours hides everything!

**COLLECTION OBSESSION**  
Teapots, egg cups, and gingerbread house cookie jars.

**BEST KITCHEN TOOL**  
Tongs for sautéing meat. I use them almost every night.

**HOLIDAY TRADITION**  
Making gingerbread and sugar cookies with my kids using my mom's old punch press.

**COFFEE OR TEA?**  
Tea. I drink a pot of English tea throughout the day.

**WHAT MAKES IT COUNTRY**  
Besides the barn view? The paint color. It's just so inviting.

**DINING IN** For the ultimate farmhouse-style breakfast room, Debby mixed a hefty trestle-base table with antique ladder-back and Windsor chairs and a polished nickel chandelier that evokes equestrian tack supply. **Table:** Restoration Hardware, from \$1,995; *rh.com*

### GET THE LOOK

Freshen up your space with classic finds.



**Buffalo Check in Seabreeze** \$23/yard;  
*calicocorners.com*



**Lismore 5-Light Polished Nickel Chandelier** \$459;  
*homedepot.com*



**Melamine Batter Bowl in Mint** \$13;  
*worldmarket.com*



**Walnut Ladder-Back Chair** \$164;  
*bellacor.com*