

MODERN LUXURY

# Interiors

TEXAS



OUTDOOR  
EXPERTS DISH  
THE DIRT



# DIVING IN

ALFRESCO ENTERTAINING & SPLASHY NEW SPOTS



# KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL

Carefully crafted hardware and fancy fixtures pack an extra punch to the space.

Interior designer Katie Paulsen of Maestri Studio ([maestristudio.com](http://maestristudio.com)) sets the table of latest tips and trends for cooking up a dream space.

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**What is the perfect recipe for renovation of the kitchen?** The goal for this project was to design a space that was updated and unique but for it to still fit in well with the older style of the home and to fit within the existing footprint. Even though space was tight, it was important for [the client] to have seating at the island to pull up a highchair and keep the baby near. The countertop material and paint sheen chosen are durable to withstand messy hands.

**We've seen a significant swing in design in terms of priority for such a coveted room. Care to elaborate?** Clients want to have a luxe look, but they also want the space to feel comfortable. By mixing in more luxe surface materials along with the textures of the bohemian style, we are creating really beautiful and interesting kitchens that feel more like living spaces.

**What creates the ideal kitchen?** The layout of the space, the functionality of your cabinetry and the finishes you use to pull it all together!

**Have you noticed a major change in the world of color and design as it pertains to the kitchen?** Clients are asking for warmth and are starting to stray away from the all-white kitchen. We are pulling in touches of stained grade woods mixed with warm color palettes. Natural living finishes are making a big appearance in all of our projects. Things are feeling much more personal rather than just having a space to show off shiny things.

**Top trends you are spotting as of late?**

Clients are spending more money for better-quality items that will last. They want to be able to really live in their kitchen. Multiple seating areas, finishes that will patina over time and will add softness, woods and warm colors palettes are the elements that are creating that oasis feel.