

Country Living

THE *New Neutrals!* *not at all boring!*

Perfect Paints
The "which white?" agony ends here

Vintage Favorites
Ironstone, milk glass, and more

Warming Trends
How to cozy up a white room

Green is the New Greige
(and so much happier!)

plus!
ANTIQUE STOVES
and the kitchens that love them



Turn the page to get all the details on this pretty Vermont kitchen.

Blue Echo
Benjamin Moore

CHARACTER BUILDING

Think a neutral cook space has to be sleek, soulless, or generic? Hardly! Behold, *three charm-packed kitchens*—each distinctly country—that beautifully stand out in a sea of same old, same old.

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WARM and WELCOMING

Homeowner Vicki Hopper craved a farmhouse kitchen with the “nostalgia and comfort of Grandma’s,” but in a fresh, fuss-free setting. Designer **Cathy Chapman** served up this stunner.

1

Warm Woods

Reclaimed from the original house, waxed 11-inch-long by 14-inch-wide hemlock floorboards point to the past and lend the room a rich tone. A salvaged pine header crowns the range (page 66), and walnut countertops carry up the backsplash for a cohesive look.

2

Textured Twosome

Rather than flat drywall, Cathy prefers how white beadboard (on the ceiling, page 67) and shiplap (on the walls) offer ample farmhouse appeal.

3

Strap Hinges and Cupboard Latches

Unlacquered brass hardware (page 67; meritmetal.com), which ages over time, connects the white cabinetry to the room’s warmer tones. A gooseneck bridge faucet (barberwilsons.com) reinforces the vintage styling.

4

Antique-Style Lighting

No recessed cans here. Factory-inspired milk glass fixtures (restorationhardware.com) above the kitchen windows and the dining table, iron sconces flanking the doors, and a pair of handcrafted lanterns (page 67; authenticdesigns.com) above the island give both task lighting and appealing ambient glow.

5

Modern Vintage-Style Appliances

The white enamel refrigerator (page 67; bigchill.com) and range (agamarvel.com) blend period charm with today’s technology.

6

Classically Country Pantry

Stripped, painted, frosted, and etched, re-vamped salvaged doors prettily hide kitchen staples—and the too-modern microwave.

keep it GROUNDED

The island’s Champlain Black marble gives the kitchen a current vibe, but its matte honed surface keeps it from feeling too flashy and contemporary.

GET THE LOOK
Blackwood Quartz
\$125 per square foot;
cambriausa.com



White Heron
Benjamin Moore



ABOVE Made of reclaimed pine floorboards, the built-in hutch references antique versions but with proportions much more accommodating of Vicki’s storage needs.



LEFT Mismatched seating in the adjacent dining space echoes Vicki’s “collected” approach. ABOVE Set out 3 inches from the wall, the contrasting built-in pantry has the feel of freestanding furniture.