



COASTAL ESCAPE

Mixing materials in a custom design creates a kitchen that is cool, calm, and collected.

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FITTING IN

Designer Shirlene Brooks wanted to make sure the new kitchen in her Alys Beach, Florida, home captured the elegant Mediterranean feel of the Gulf Coast town. High on her wish list: a stately, wood-clad range hood.

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CROWD PLEASER

Shirlene designed the kitchen—specifically, the custom island—to be a gathering point, a space for casual entertaining in the home's breezy, open layout.

10 things to love about this kitchen



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OCEAN INSPIRED

In keeping with the room's soothing gray and blue palette, hexagonal marble tile and blue linear glass tile converge behind the cooktop.

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EASILY ENTERTAINED

Cooking for guests inspired the appliance choices. A warming drawer keeps cooked dishes warm between courses.

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OPEN BAR

Guests can easily serve themselves from the beverage refrigerator or bar sink, which has a separate filtered-water tap. Bar utensils are kept on the countertop for quick access.



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HIDDEN STORAGE

Storing an array of spices and other common ingredients in pullouts next to the cooktop makes light work of food prep, letting Shirlene stay in one place and talk with guests while cooking.



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VINTAGE CHARM

Antique silverware adorns the steel base of this distinctive light fixture. The patina on the spoons and forks makes each fixture unique.

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COLOR COORDINATED

Stacked appliances maximize wall space. The colored-glass fronts were chosen to bolster the blue tones in the gray cabinets and marble.

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CRISP CABINETRY

Custom, full-inset Shaker-style cabinets support the room's sophisticated beach-cottage vibe. Glass fronts on upper cabinets display pretty dishware.

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SHINE ON

Stainless-steel faucets, appliances, and an apron-front sink echo the island's zinc top. The metallic finishes balance the cottage feel of the travertine flooring and horizontal wall paneling.