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KITCHEN OF THE MONTH

SUMMER BRIGHTS

A statement-making tile and a fresh coat of yellow green paint (see page 96) serve up a decidedly fresh feel in this Louisville, Kentucky, cook space.



LOVE THIS TILE?
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When homeowner Layla George told designer Emily Fisher she wanted a crowd-pleasing kitchen, she meant it. With eight (yes, eight!) kids in her blended family, she needed smart storage and easy, help-yourself access. Here's how the two collaborated to create a colorful, classic-meets-current space befitting Layla's energetic brood.

1 BOLD TILE The vibrant, quilt-like backsplash creates a focal point. Made from cement, it also lends subtle texture.

2 FLOATING SHELVES The streamlined look provides all the country charm of open shelving without detracting from the graphic tile.

3 COLORFUL ISLAND Equipped with ample storage (cabinets, drawers, and even a bookcase for cookbooks), the 8-foot-long island, painted a crisp shade of yellowy green, resembles an antique sideboard. Hearty butcher block tops off the furniture effect.

4 A SINGLE BARSTOOL A cut-out on the right side of the island allows room for a lone perch where kids can sit and tackle homework. (Forgoing a row of stools keeps the storage accessible.) **Bistro Stool:** serenaandlily.com for similar styles

5 ASH FLOORS Made from trees on the home's property, the ash planked floors add a warm complement to the island and backsplash.

6 BUTLER'S PANTRY Instead of a traditional hutch design, the butler's pantry (located just off the kitchen) repeats the floating shelves. Outfitted with a sink, it's the perfect spot for flower arranging or to prep for baking (Layla's favorite).

7 CASEMENT WINDOW The crank window balances the sleek shelving. Opening to the patio, it's also a handy serving spot for entertaining.

8 OUSHAK RUG The weathered textile lends subdued pattern; pops of blue and yellow seamlessly coordinate with the main kitchen. **Rug:** nomadictrading.com for similar styles

PICK A TILE, ANY TILE...

...and use it as the starting point for pulling together a colorful country kitchen.



THE TILE
Snowflake in
Leon, \$5/tile;
cubantropical.com

THE PAINT
Sweet Pear;
benjaminmoore.com



THE TILE
Calais in
Terracotta,
\$24/square
foot; granadatile.com

THE PAINT
East Facing;
ralphlaurenpaint.com



THE TILE
Anemone
C14-27-16,
\$27.50/square
foot; mosaichse.com

THE PAINT
Rising Star;
valspar.com



THE STOOL
Riviera Stool
in Dandelion,
\$325; serenaandlily.com



THE STOOL
Threshold
Windsor
Barstool in
White, \$90;
target.com



THE STOOL
19th-Century
English
Schoolhouse
Stool, \$250;
restorationhardware.com

THE ACCENT
Chantal Copper
Classic Teakettle,
\$165; surlatable.com



THE ACCENT
Walnut Stripe
Cutting Board,
\$90; schoolhouseelectric.com



THE ACCENT
Pomegranate
Bauble Pitcher,
\$36; canvashomestore.com

