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# Peak Performer

Mick De Giulio nestles a sleek, chic kitchen within the envelope of a lofty, lodgy mountain chalet

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**Kitchen**  
Cosmopolitan refinement meets rugged mountain tradition in this Colorado kitchen, which marries a mix of wood and metal finishes, including warm copper.

Like the mountains outside, the architecture in this Snowmass, Colorado, home soars to spectacular heights. Massive wood beams and statuesque arched windows dare to reach for the heavens. Yet like a steaming mug of cocoa sipped beside a crackling fire, the kitchen within this colossus feels cozy, comfortable, and irrefutably inviting. That's thanks to the genius of designer Mick De Giulio, who used the art of proportion to create a kitchen in sync with human scale.

"Because of its volume, this is an exulted space," De Giulio says. He was tasked by homeowners Martha and John Egge-meyer to envision a new kitchen in the 20-year-old home. "Respecting what was already there, we set a kitchen with an entirely new look between the rough-hewn ceiling beams and the rusticated limestone floors."

The key in a room so tall, De Giulio says, is creating scale that feels comfortable for people to live in.

A massive range hood stretches the length of the cabinetry, matching the scope of the space—but in a horizontal form. Door and drawer fronts also sprawl to pleasing widths.

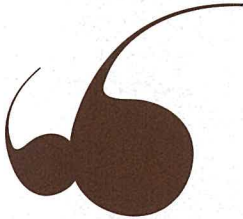
Contrasting overscale elements, cabinets top out at an unassuming 8 feet, making even the top shelf an easy stretch for Martha to access whatever she needs for dinner. Family members sitting at the island are just as snug, cocooned by a pair of I-beam pendant lights. "They're like a canopy over the island, which gives people the feeling of comfort," De Giulio says.

A deft mix of materials also dials up the warmth. High-gloss eucalyptus juxtaposes the matte finish of Iceberg quartzite and the artisanal texture of hand-scraped wenge wood on the island top. Brushed stainless-steel drawer fronts on the cooking wall





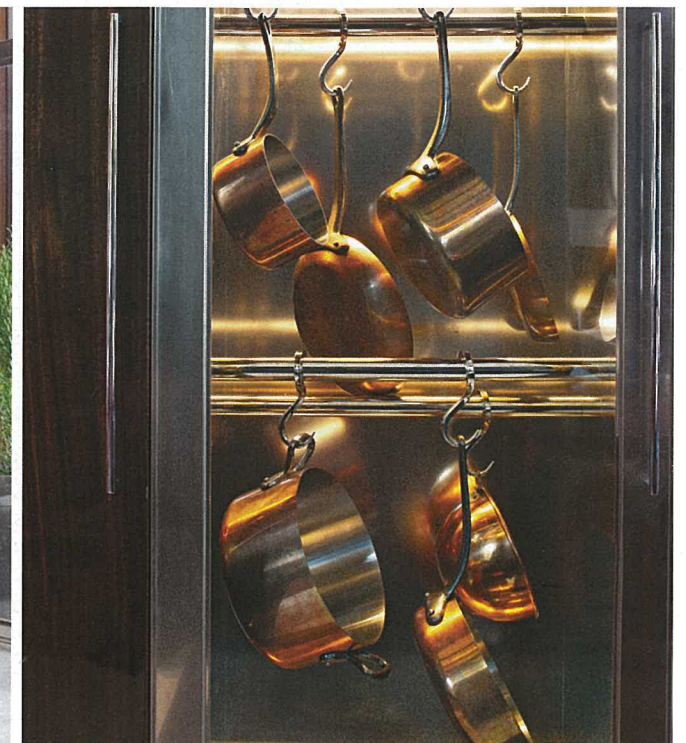
**Kitchen overall**  
To light the voluminous space, tiny pendants supplement I-beam fixtures, part of a new collection that Mick De Giulio designed for Tech Lighting.  
**Cabinet A**  
4-inch-deep niche hidden in the backsplash keep oils and spices at hand by the range.  
**Drawer Slim**  
island drawers hold serveware. French Gien dinnerware speaks to the home's lodgy vibe.



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—designer Mick De Giulio





contrast polished stainless-steel trim, German silver in glass-front cabinets, and the silicon bronze pendants.

“It’s a simple kitchen—an L shape with an island—but the elements give it personality, texture,” De Giulio says.

Behind the beauty is flawless function. “I needed Mick to pack a lot into a space that, despite its height, isn’t all that big,” Martha says.

A paneled refrigerator teams with refrigerator drawers for drinks and a wine fridge in the island. A pantry cabinet with pullout shelves stows both dishes and a microwave. Another cabinet holds copper pots. “Instead of being stacked high in a drawer—so hard to reach—they’re accessible,” Martha says. “And they look beautiful.”

A slotted cabinet holds trays, drawers stash bar supplies and utensils, and clever sliding panels in the backsplash cloak a slim niche for oils and spices. “Everything can be hidden. There’s nothing cluttering counters, which is important with an open floor plan,” Martha says.

“The whole design is genius,” she adds. “I love how Mick took our home’s great bones—architecture with the character you’d see in an old European mountain chalet—and complemented that with a clean-lined kitchen. He redefined mountain modern specifically for us, and we could not be happier.” ■

**Designers:** Mick De Giulio and Kathy Manzella

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**Island** Hand-scraped wenge wood on the dining counter offers a warm spot to rest elbows. Polished stainless-steel toe-kicks give the illusion that cabinets are floating above the floor, making for a less weighty kitchen. **Cabinet** Slide-out shelves are the ultimate in convenience. **Pot pantry** Lined with distressed German silver, this cabinet reflects a warm yellow glow that meshes with copper cookware. **Sink area** A hardworking Dornbracht faucet crowns a wide Kallista sink.

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#### KITCHENS: PEAK PERFORMER

**Architecture:** Alison Agle, Aspen, Colorado; aliagley@gmail.com; aliagley.com.

**Kitchen design:** Mick De Giulio and Kathy Manzella, De Giulio Kitchen Design, Chicago; 312/494-9200; degiuliodesign.com.

**Construction:** Viking Construction, Aspen, Colorado; 970/309-2955.

**Upper cabinetry on cooking wall, cabinets at main sink and island sink** De Giulio collection in high-gloss fumed eucalyptus lacquer with polished stainless-steel hardware, **stainless-steel island back panel, lower cabinetry on cooking wall** De Giulio collection in brushed stainless steel with polished stainless-steel faceted trim and hardware, **glass-front cabinet** “Metal Boy” in German silver with clear glass front, German silver and ebonized alder interiors and polished stainless-steel hardware, **countertops for perimeter and island and backsplash for cooking wall** brushed Iceberg quartzite, **countertop for island seating area** hand-scraped wenge wood, **range hood** De Giulio collection in hand-scraped wenge wood with polished stainless-steel piping and trim, **pendants** De Giulio collection in silicon bronze and polished stainless steel: De Giulio Kitchen Design; degiuliodesign.com. **Sink** “Multiere” in brushed stainless steel with sliding teak cutting board, sliding colander holder, and flatware tray: Kallista; kallista.com. **Faucets** “Tara Ultra” faucet in platinum matte and single-lever mixer in polished nickel: Dornbracht; dornbracht.com. **Integrated refrigerator, refrigerator drawer, and wine storage unit:** Sub-Zero; subzero-wolf.com. **Range:** Thermador; thermador.com. **Dishwashers:** Miele; mieleusa.com. **Dark wood-block cutting board and copper tray at oil cabinet, round pizza board in corner cabinet:** Black Creek Mercantile & Trading Co.; blackcreekmt.com.

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#### HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

**Interior design:** Mary Castellano, MBC Design & Development LLC, Hinsdale, Illinois; 630/936-7329; mbcdesigndevelopment.com.

**Architecture:** Peter Kramer, Kramer & Associates, Hinsdale, Illinois; 630/325-0384; lkkarch.com.

**Construction:** James Slesser, JDS Home Builders, Willowbrook, Illinois; 630/816-2850; jdshomes.com.

**THROUGHOUT Windows and glass doors** custom: Marvin; marvin.com. **Holiday design and color styling of tree decorations:** Mary Castellano, MBC Design & Development LLC; mbcdesigndevelopment.com. **Installation of trees, stair garland, and mantel displays:** Phillips Flowers & Gifts; phillips-flowers.com. **Mantel displays in library and family room:** Maria's Floral Studio; mariasfloralstudiolg.com.

**PAGES 30–31. FRONT EXTERIOR—Front door custom design:** Mary Castellano, MBC Design & Development LLC; mbcdesigndevelopment.com. **Pots** cast stone: Haddonstone; haddonstone.com.

**Evergreen wreaths:** Wingren Landscape; wingrenlandscape.com.

**PAGES 32–33. ENTRY—Stair railing** custom iron: Roseland Stair Works; roselandstair.com. **Stair runner:** Stark; starkcarpet.com. **Pedestal table:** Baker; bakerfurniture.com. **Area rug:** Matt

Camron; mattcamron.com. **Lantern:** Holly Hunt; hollyhunt.com. **LIBRARY—Walnut paneling, cabinetry, fireplace, and coffered ceiling** custom design: Mary Castellano, MBC Design & Development LLC; mbcdesigndevelopment.com. **Fabrication:** Globe Custom; globecustom.com. **White oak flooring:** Carlisle Wide-Plank Floors; wideplankflooring.com. **Sconces:** Nancy Corzine; nancycorzine.com.

**PAGES 34–37. LIVING ROOM—Wall paint** “Pavilion Gray 242”: Farrow & Ball; farrow-ball.com.

**Ceiling paint** “Navajo White”: Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com. **Area rug:** Matt Camron; mattcamron.com. **Sofas** custom, **velvet fabric for sofas and daybed, drapery fabric:** Holland & Sherry; interiors.hollandandsherry.com. **Fabric for lumbar pillows, coffee table, large cabinet, vases in cabinet:** Holly Hunt; hollyhunt.com. **Daybed** “Paris” chaise longue from the Thomas Pheasant collection: Baker; bakerfurniture.com. **Round side table:** Hickory Chair; hickorychair.com. **Drapery trim** Corinthia collection: Samuel & Sons; samuelandsons.com. **Sconces** “Portobello Road”: Fine Arts Handcrafted Lighting; finearthl.com.

**Mirror:** Michael Taylor Designs; michaeltaylordesigns.com. **Mantel and fireplace surround** custom design: Mary Castellano, MBC Design & Development LLC; mbcdesigndevelopment.com. **Fabrication:** Atelier Jouvence Custom Stoneworks; ajstoneworks.com. **Blue chair:** Henredon; henredon.com. **Chair fabric** “Boucheron Ice”: Nancy Corzine; nancycorzine.com. **Rug** Egyptian Oushak: Matt Camron; mattcamron.com. **DINING ROOM—Wall and ceiling paint** “Yorkshire Tan,” **trim paint** “Navajo White”: Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com. **Limestone mantel and surround:** Materials Marketing; materials-marketing.com. **Chest at mirror:** Globe Custom; globecustom.com. **Dining chairs, chairs flanking console** “Phoebe”: Jessica Charles; jessicacharles.com.

**PAGES 38–39. HEARTH ROOM—Coffee table** “Laurent” and **ottomans** “Etienne,” both from the Gregorius Pineo collection, **sofa fabric** “Samoan Sand” and **chair fabric** “Cypress,” both by Great Plains: Holly Hunt; hollyhunt.com. **Ottoman fabric** from the Vanda collection by Manuel Canovas: Cowtan & Tout; cowtan.com. **Sofa:** Henredon; henredon.com. **Chair facing table** “Arrowhead”: Jerry Pair; jerrypair.com. **Lanterns:** Pottery Barn; potterybarn.com. **Drapery fabric** “Lucient Linen” in Flaxen: Calvin Fabrics; calvinfabrics.com. **FAMILY ROOM—Large leather ottoman:** Century Furniture; centuryfurniture.com. **Large chairs:** Henredon; henredon.com. **Fabric:** “Sitting Pretty” in Albatross by Great Plains: Holly Hunt; hollyhunt.com. **Fireside chair with nailhead trim** “Adesso” in “Marcello Sand” fabric, **rug:** Ebanista; ebanista.com. **Round side table** Tribeca collection: Century Furniture; centuryfurniture.com. **Floor lamp** “Ramsey”: Circa Lighting; circalighting.com. **Iron chandelier** “Eternity”: Paul Ferrante; paulferrante.com.

**BREAKFAST ROOM—Table:** RH; rh.com. **Chairs:** Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams; mgbwhome.com. **Chandelier:** Holly Hunt; hollyhunt.com. **PAGES 40–41. KITCHEN—Cabinetry** custom finish: Wood-Mode; wood-mode.com. **Cabinet hardware** in polished nickel: Schaub; schaubandcompany.com.

**Range:** Wolf; subzero-wolf.com. **Main sink faucet:** Kohler; us.kohler.com. **Island faucet:** Rohl; houseofrohl.com. **Pendants:** Vaughan; vaughandesigns.com. **Leather barstools** by Hancock and Moore: Baker; bakerfurniture.com. **Roman shades fabric** “Kingston Lacy” in Acacia by Rogers and Goffigon: Cowtan & Tout; cowtan.com.

**PAGES 42–43. MASTER BEDROOM—Wall paint** “Moonshine”: Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com. **Chandelier** “Morgan” in brushed bronze, similar available: Hinkley; hinkley.com. **Bed** by Barbara Barry: Henredon; henredon.com. **Duvet fabric** “Venezia” wool in Wedgewood, **eurosham fabric** “Diamante” in Ice, **lumbar pillow fabric** “Ocean Reef” in Azure, **swing-arm sconce, drapery panel fabric** “Venezia” damask: Nancy Corzine; nancycorzine.com. **Bench:** Pearson Upholstery; pearsonco.com. **Nightstand** Barbara Barry collection: Baker; bakerfurniture.com. **Table lamp** by Ralph Lauren, **sconces flanking mirror** “Ruhlmann” by Chapman & Myers: Circa Lighting; circalighting.com. **Mirror above fireplace:** Century Furniture; centuryfurniture.com. **Sheer fabric** “Aphrodite” in ecru: Coraggio; coraggio.com. **MASTER BATH—Cabinetry:** Wood-Mode; wood-mode.com. **Cabinet hardware:** Studio 41; shopstudio41.com. **Tub:** Kohler; us.kohler.com. **Tub and sink faucets** “Tuxedo” in polished nickel: Kallista; kallista.com. **Bench** Barbara Barry collection: Henredon; henredon.com. **Bench fabric:** Ebanista; ebanista.com. **Calacatta marble flooring:** Ann Sacks; annsacks.com. **Sconces** “Ruhlmann” by Chapman & Myers: Circa Lighting; circalighting.com. **GUEST BEDROOM—Wall paint** “Jute”: Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com. **Bed, nightstands:** Baker; bakerfurniture.com. **Duvet, coverlet, linens:** Designers Linen Source; designerslinensource.com.

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#### STORYBOOK ENDING

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**PAGES 44–47. LIVING ROOM—Plaster walls:** Marmorino Venetian Plasters; marmorinovenetianplasters.com. **Wall paint** “China White”: Benjamin Moore; benjaminmoore.com.

**Drapery fabric** “Bamako Shea”: Zak & Fox; zakandfox.com. **Chairs** “Gallas Swivel,”

**sofa** “Bale” in Bellagio Sand: Bungalow Classic; bungalowclassic.com. **Chair fabric** “Nilton” linen: Cowtan & Tout; cowtan.com. **Pillow fabric** “Lyndon Clay”: Romo; romo.com. **Throw:** Holland & Sherry; hollandandsherry.com. **Burl side tables:** A. Tyner Antiques; swedishantiques.biz. **Coffee table**

“Tavolina” by Formations: Jerry Pair; jerrypair.com.

**Rug** “Athos” by Lee Jofa: Kravet; kravet.com. **Bowls, jugs:** Foxglove Antiques; foxgloveantiques.com.

**Sofa pillows** “Pienza Zip” in Cement and Ivory: C&C Milano; cec-milano.com. **Sofa side table**

“Giorgio Spot”: Mrs. Howard; mrshoward.com.

**DINING AREA—Table** custom: MDM Design Studio; mdmdesignstudio.com. **Chairs** “Paulette”: Bungalow Classic; bungalowclassic.com. **Chair fabric** “In the Rough” in Sand: Perennials;

perennialsfabrics.com. **Chandelier:** Holland & Co.; hollandandcompany.squarespace.com.

**PAGES 48–49. FRONT EXTERIOR—Rocking chairs:** “Sag Harbor” by Kingsley Bate: Logan Gardens;

logangardens.com. **Drinks table:** Mecox Gardens; mecox.com. **Bench** “Woodland”: Currey & Co.;

curreyandcompany.com.