

A Kitchen Fit for Cooks

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Built to bring family and friends together

WHEN LEE AND LAURA COOK first began building their Perry Park home, they knew they would want a kitchen that was distinctly modern, with rustic elements evocative of the Old West. Using *Cowboys & Indians* magazine as a source of inspiration, the Cooks set to work with designer Kim Jones with Tallgrass Kitchen & Bath and builder Kerry Comstock of Eagles Nest Developers to realize their vision of a dream kitchen. >>





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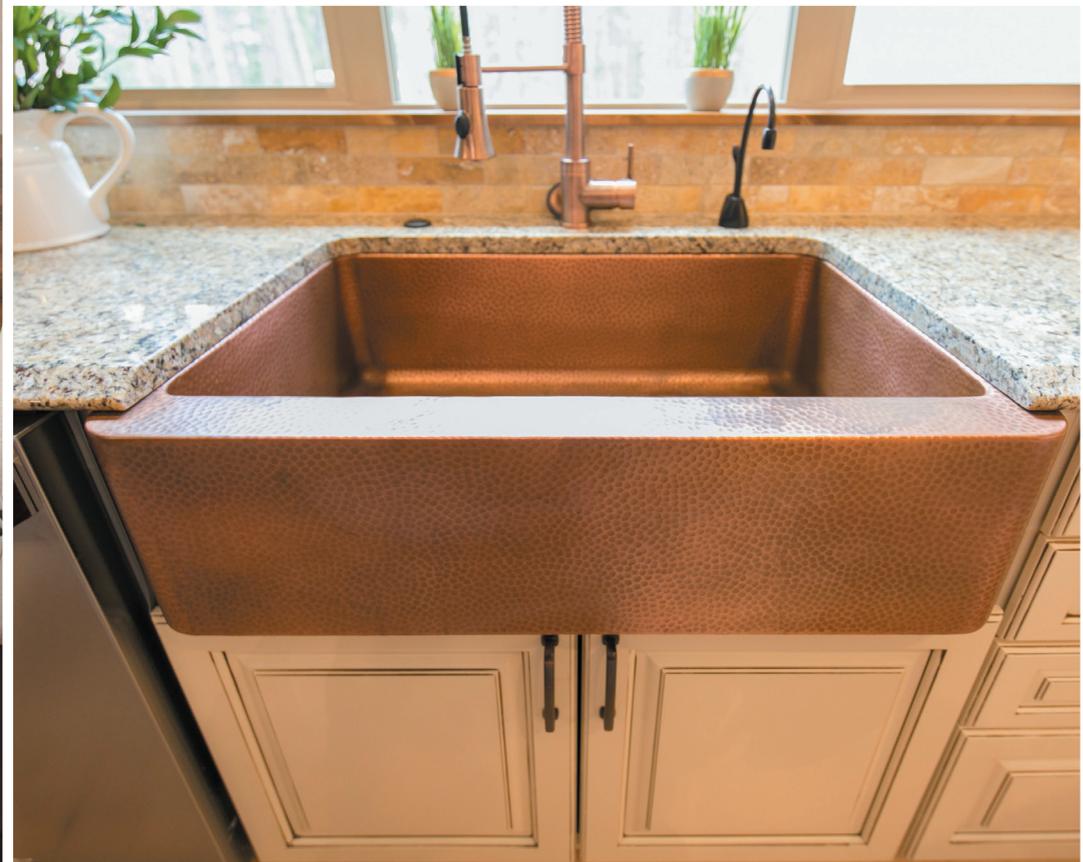




A small, affluent community near Larkspur, Perry Park features an abundance of natural beauty, mountain landscapes, and breathtaking views that represent Colorado living at its finest. Since Lee and Laura were planning their new build in this charming, agrestic backdrop, it was only fitting that their home incorporated elements found in nature, as well as some traditional pieces harkening back to Old Colorado mountain life.

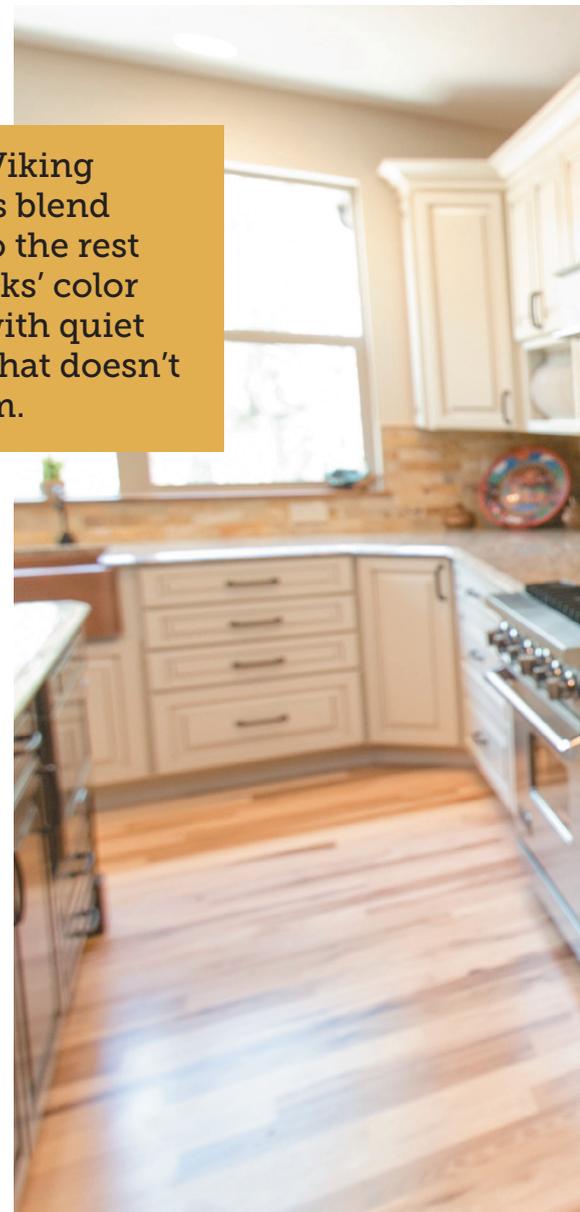
With seven grown children and grandchildren who visit often, the Cooks were eager to have a new home and kitchen that reflected their personal tastes and was decidedly chic, but also required functionality and a practical layout that would serve them well when family came to visit. The Cooks decided on a color palette of light tones with wood and copper accents reminiscent of a frontier homestead. The travertine stone fireplace wall and backsplash play nicely with natural elements of elder hickory and other varieties of wood, including a sliding barn door. A hickory branch chandelier straight from a farm in Pennsylvania looks right at home over the natural wood barn table just feet away from the elegant cabinetry and granite countertops, bringing a rustic modern feel to the space.

This back-and-forth of traditional and contemporary continues throughout the Cooks' kitchen with the creative use of copper tones that carries over into the rest of the house. The copper kitchen sink and pot filler match Lee and Laura's bathtub, while the custom range hood brings a warm copper glow to the entire space. Oiled bronze fixtures, such as the pendant lights over the island, do a masterful job of adding a nostalgic, sepia-toned vibe to the kitchen. "We picked light colors so I could accent the copper and oiled





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The 36-inch built-in refrigerator by Viking offers specialized storage compartments and advanced temperature maintenance.

bronze features, and also went with two-tone cabinets that had an inlay of antique brown color," explains Laura.

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The Cooks are beyond pleased with the outcome of their new home and the way all the features they personally selected blend seamlessly together. Laura says, "It exceeded our expectations!" Laura and Lee look forward to many happy gatherings of friends and family, where they can use their magnificent new kitchen to entertain, as well as sharing special moments cooking and eating with their grandchildren.





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