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FRENCH COUNTRY

Nine Design Group and Dillo Construction are responsible for this aesthetically pleasing French Country kitchen. The designers were approached by the homeowner who loved the French Country aesthetic and wished to incorporate a LaCanche Range in French yellow. The range became the centerpiece for the project, and the kitchen was designed around it. A warm white color with a hint of yellow was used to accent the yellow range and then glazing on the cabinets (by Hornsby's Custom Cabinets) was added to give a sense of age. "We wanted it to look like a kitchen that has been there for a while, but still has all the modern cooking conveniences of today," said Jill Gruner, the designer on the project team. Lighting was another concern for the client. Aside from basic task lighting, ambient lights above the cabinets provide a soft glow, especially in the evening. Puck lights were also dropped into each of the cabinets so that the homeowner can highlight and display items. Although the

LaCanche Range gives a nod to the traditional, stainless steel appliances (a beverage center, warming drawer, refrigerator, etc.) were brought in to represent modernity. Possibly the most eye-catching design element in the kitchen is the backsplash, which is a perfect complement to the unique range and rise and fall pendants, which also came in the French yellow. The backsplash ties the whole design together and gives the kitchen a finished feel. Chiseled Versailles pattern on the limestone flooring also gives the area a casual look — one congruent with the French countryside. Another distinctly French element was added to the kitchen. "The French love to incorporate things that have a sense of history and family," said Gruner. "The butcher block island in this kitchen gives a nod to that French aesthetic, because the homeowner's father made the countertop." And speaking of France, the homeowner left for a trip to Paris during construction and returned to her French Country kitchen!



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