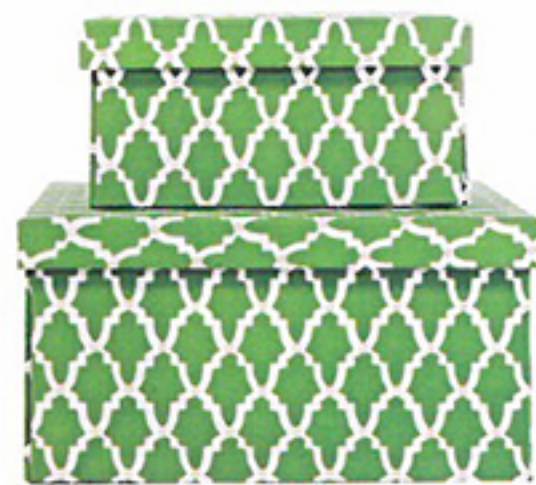


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Tried-and-true fixings plus a few surprises make this kitchen a standout.

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At first glance, Kristy Socarras Bigelow and Brian Bigelow's Denver kitchen looks pretty classic—subway tiles, open shelves, oak floors. But a closer inspection reveals this room is far from ordinary. Around one corner, there's a breakfast nook with seat-to-ceiling tiles in graphic patterns, a nod to Kristy's Cuban heritage. Across the room, there's an armoire painted aqua. And around the dining table, bright yellow chairs (see next page). "What can I say? I'm from Miami—I can't live without color!" says Kristy, who owns three trendy Cuban restaurants in Colorado. When the Bigelows started designing their kitchen about two years ago, they contemplated a neutral palette. "I loved the idea of a clean and simple room, but I knew I wouldn't be happy unless it had some spunk," says Kristy. So she worked the tile wall into the design, which led to other bursts of color. Now the space has just the right ratio of splashy to subdued.

Brian and Kristy with kids (from left) Leelé, 6, Mitchell, 10, and Giana, 4, around the breakfast table



TILED WALL

A 32-inch-by-46-inch window is surrounded by a patchwork of 8-inch-square cement tiles from cubantropicaltile.com. "I wanted it to look a little crazy but also have cohesive parts," says Kristy. She figured out the design by laying the tiles on the floor first.

BANQUETTE

Nothing can compete with those tiles, so the rest of the breakfast nook is neutral: a dark stained table from West Elm, a white banquette with silver vinyl seat cushions (try fabric.com for a similar fabric), and a hammered metal pendant.

add a little **WILD** to your kitchen



tile

Echo Collection 8" x 8" cement tiles, \$8 each, granadatile.com for buying info

pillow

Arcturus Zulu Imbenge 18" x 18" polyester pillow, \$45.50, denydesigns.com



light

Creative Co-op Birdcage 14½"-tall metal chandelier in watermelon, \$71, elizabethsembellishments.com

lantern

Urban Trends Collection Rachael Lattice 32½"-tall metal lantern in yellow, \$180 for a mixed set of 3, lampsplus.com



hutch

Webber 55¼"W x 18½"D x 84"H wood china cabinet in turquoise finish, \$2,999, ethanallen.com

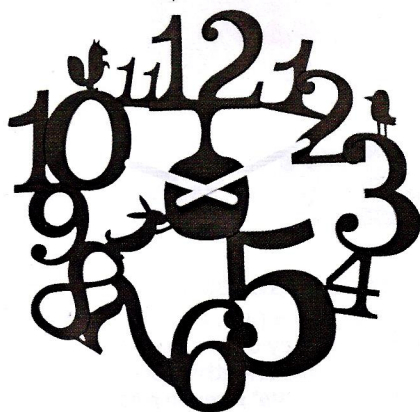


plate

Montecito 5½" melamine plate in yellow, \$5, qsquarednyc.com

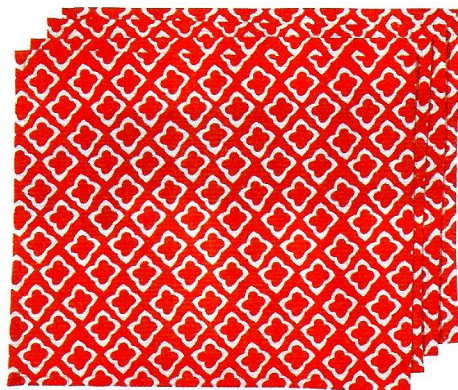
chair

Marais A powder-coated steel chair in lemon, \$145, industrywest.com



clock

Koziol PI:P 17¾"-diameter plastic clock, \$49, wayfair.com



place mats

Caravan Natural Tile cotton place mats in orange, \$30 for a set of 4, couleurnature.com