

crowd PLEASER

THE CHALLENGE

- Add a big, centrally located island
- Use easy-care, durable surfaces
- Create seating at an island as well as a banquette



Built-in wine storage makes entertaining a snap

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TOP 5 FEATURES

1. Lake views from a windowed eating area with a banquette
2. Chalkboard paint on some cabinet door panels
3. Separate wine cooler, bar sink and buffet area away from main work space
4. Restful, watery blue glass-tiled backsplash
5. Easy-care sealed Carrera marble and honed Absolute Black countertops

Great views and plenty of seating are central to the relaxing vacation vibe

Because everyone gathers in the kitchen of this new vacation home, Susan Fredman Design Group designers Barbara Ince and Jamie Myers decided nothing was to be too precious. The favorite place to congregate is at an 11' x 6' island, which has an 18" overhang to fit a row of stools. Ince and Myers grouped equipment in a compact galley on one side of the island; designed a separate area with a wet bar and buffet counter; and placed a table, chairs and banquette in a glassed-in bay. Since life here is lighthearted, the designers introduced whimsical touches: three oversized drum shades that match the island's scale, chalkboard-fronted panels for scribbling messages, and built-in wine storage that is easy to reach and runs the length of a tall cabinet.

THE BASICS: DESIGNERS: Barbara Ince and Jamie Myers, Susan Fredman Design Group, Chicago, IL, 312-587-8150, susanfredman.com and susanfredmanathome.com CABINETRY: Custom built, painted white, through Susan Fredman Design Group COUNTERTOPS: Carrera marble and soapstone RANGE, HOOD: Wolf PENDANTS: Stonegate with Kravet fabric
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