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## THE KITCHEN

As a bellwether of social change, the kitchen reflects shifting attitudes more than any other room in the house. If those ads of the fifties tell us anything, the kitchen was the housewife's domain, where she merrily cooked up breakfast, lunch and dinner while her hungry husband and two children waited to be served in the dining room. Now everybody's cooking, and nobody's waiting to be served.

The open, bright kitchen renovation by Tracy Curtis and Page Gandy of 3Fold Design could be a history lesson in this attitudinal adjustment. "This was a renovation of a sixties' house," notes Curtis, "for an empty-nester couple who like being together in the same room. They wanted a kitchen where they could cook, entertain their children and grandchildren, host parties and also work." That's a far cry from the narrow parameters defined by the original space—a room where cooking was an isolated venture, separate from the rest of the house and its views of Shoal Creek.

The first thing Curtis and Gandy did was reconfigure the space to accommodate, if not anticipate, activities ranging from children doing homework at the central table to caterers prepping for a bash behind the L-shaped bar. "It's all about functionality," says Gandy, who figured out how to make the middle of the spacious room seem cozy with a curvy banquette that's inviting and comfortable. The designing pair also went about making the room universally safe for toddlers (note that there are no sharp corners at toddler height) and for seniors (wheelchairs can roll right up to the table, the microwave is placed low in the island and the pantry has roll-out drawers).

Even though the kitchen is a wide-open space, it's ever-so-subtly zoned for work. Cooking, service and prep have their place, but who's to know? With its luxe color palette—Benjamin Moore's "Pashmina"—and Logico chandelier, this room is geared to be the center of attention.

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