

one happy **MIX**

Farmhouse charm and fresh style choices pair perkily in a New Ulm, TX, gathering spot.



A variety of textures—rough-cut raw cedar planks, a chicken-wire pendant, and powder-coated counter stools—all feel right at home.

Cathy Hutton is all about mixing things up at work and at home. As a designer and co-owner of a decor store in Houston, TX, with her daughter, Courtney, she regularly blends styles. When it came time for a kitchen redo, she and her husband, Robbie—high school sweethearts who reconnected 35 years later—did the same in their New Ulm, TX, farmhouse. “We liked the original feel but wanted a fun twist,” says Cathy. They also needed more room for their combined families. After enclosing the back porch and knocking down a couple of walls, they enhanced some of the existing details and stirred things up with blue paint (Adirondack Blue by Behr) on the cabinets and unexpected touches, such as a snazzy backsplash. It came together beautifully...just like their families have.

Antique corbels (there's one on the other side, too) are a cool way to frame a doorway.

Cathy and Robbie

pressed tin ceiling
The couple had loved the texture of the tin ceiling but not its bronze color. Painting it a creamy white shade (Natural Wicker by Benjamin Moore) in a flat finish “brought out the antique look even more,” says Cathy.

hex tile backsplash
Beadboard above and below the cabinets: charm overload! Cathy replaced the lower portion with a splashy backsplash—glazed terra-cotta tile that has a mottled design, from a local tile store.

Cathy's daughter, Courtney; the two like to shop for antiques together.

cedar-paneled island
For a new spin on white shiplap, Cathy left the wood natural. A sleek quartz countertop and bold Tolix-style counter stools from Wayfair contrast the rustic-ness. At 4 feet by 7½ feet, the island is long enough for all five grandkids to gather around for ice cream sundaes.

parquet-look floors
Instead of traditional farmhouse planks, Cathy went with 2-foot-square porcelain tiles by Refin that mimic parquet. “We are messy people, with muddy shoes, so we needed a floor that could be scrubbed to oblivion,” she says.

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[in the kitchen]

pendant

Chicken Wire Stem
19½"-diameter metal
pendant in oil-
rubbed-bronze finish,
\$276, barnlight.com



corbel

American Art Décor
Distressed 10"W x 1¼"D x
11¾"H wood corbels, \$69
for a set of 2, kohls.com



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art

Calm Cow by Cathy Walters 11½" x 11½"
unframed giclée print, \$19, greenboxart.com



basket

Totty 7"-tall
seagrass basket, \$25,
us.oliella.com



pitcher

Falcon 48-ounce
enamel pitcher
in mustard
yellow, \$47,
amara.com



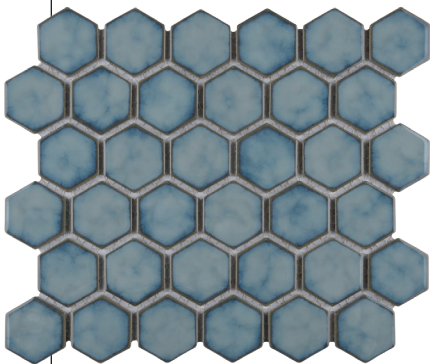
**cabinet
color**

Adirondack Blue
by Behr



bowl

Studio Blue
6¾"-diameter
stoneware bowl in flint,
\$30, denbyusa.com



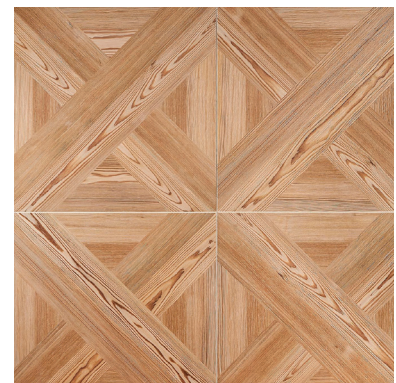
backsplash tiles

Merola Tile Hudson Due
Hex 2" x 2" porcelain tiles in
marine, \$14.50 per square
foot, homedepot.com



counter stool

Flash Furniture 24"-tall
metal counter stool in
yellow, \$46, walmart.com



floor tiles

Barberry Miele 24" x 24" porcelain tiles,
\$5 per square foot, tilebar.com