

COOL & COLLECTED

Unexpected pairings and one-of-a-kind finds create a fun family-friendly kitchen.

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THE BACKSTORY

Nearly three years had passed since moving into their Arts and Crafts–style Toronto home, and designer Emma Kenley and her husband, Evan, decided it was finally time to rethink the kitchen — the only part of the home's revamp that would require major work.





Though the layout was efficient, the kitchen was too small, it lacked natural light, the decor was lifeless and the appliances were beginning to fail. Emma's goal was to expand and update the kitchen as well as add a sunken casual dining room. With two growing children, the family needed a space that was comfortable and organized, with a unique look that didn't feel like it was copied straight out of a catalogue.

< MIX OPEN AND CLOSED SHELVING

The same CaesarStone was used for the countertops as well as rows of open shelving. Here, display-worthy objects are carefully curated, while all other kitchen clutter is kept behind closed cabinets. Touches of brass and the red knobs on the range keep the look punchy. Architectural plan, Lieux Architects; design, Kenley Design Group; contractor, Tad Urbanowicz; Hicks pendant light, Ginger's.

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