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Recipe for a Farmhouse Kitchen

There are never too many cooks in the Householders' kitchen.

#5 Householder, Traverse City

12625 Bluff Rd. Designer: Angela Goodall, Kitchen Choreography, Traverse City, 231-932-9700, kitchenchoreography.net

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Her specialties are chili, grilling, pies, potato salad, pork loin infused with rosemary and garlic—and just about anything else that uses the herbs she grows just outside the kitchen door. He's a retired chemical engineer, so you never know what he's going to throw together. They both love to entertain—a term that can mean inviting visitors to share in the cooking. But the turquoise and mauve 1980's makeover that previous owners had inflicted on their centennial farmhouse, tucked into the pastoral Old Mission Peninsula landscape, wasn't, shall we say, conducive to a lovely get together. Worse, you could hardly see the view of beautiful East Grand Traverse Bay through the one skinny kitchen window.

Kitchen Choreography's Angela Goodall to the rescue. One of Goodall's signature talents is the ability to design in virtually any style her clients desire—be it modern, contemporary, Victorian or traditional. When the Householders told her they wanted the kitchen to reflect the farmhouse feel of the rest of their home, but also be as light and airy as an Up North cottage, Goodall knew she could achieve the look—while making

sure that the kitchen would hold up to the wear and tear of heavy-duty cooking.

In the stunning finished product, a wall-length bank of windows floods the room with light and offers a picturesque view of lake and trees. Buttercream cabinets further the airy ambiance, while the maple butcher block, plump turned legs and vintage sage of the prep island all spell farmhouse. Likewise, a smaller island made from dark-stained maple and outfitted with a breakfront cabinet has the look of an heirloom piece. Old schoolhouse lighting and oil-rubbed bronze hardware speak both farmhouse and cottage, and matte-finished black Corian counters mimic old-fashioned soapstone—but are more practical. An apron front sink looks like the old-fashioned enamel variety, but is actually made from Corian so that it won't chip. Features like generous aisles, double ovens and a prep sink keep this kitchen humming year round—as any farmhouse kitchen worth its salt should. “This kitchen wasn't meant to just sit and look pretty,” Linda says. “Everything in it is used. 🏡

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RESOURCES

Architect: Sarah Bourgeois, Richmond + Associates, Traverse City, richmondarchitects.net

Appliances: Max Service Appliance & TV, Traverse City, maxsservice.com

Cabinets: Fieldstone, Kitchen Choreography, kitchenchoreography.net

Plumbing fixtures: Ferguson Enterprises, Traverse City, ferguson.com

Countertops: Kitchen Choreography, kitchenchoreography.net

Floor: Heritage Wood Floors, Traverse City, heritagewoodfloors.com

Backsplash: Carpet Galleria, Traverse City, carpetgalleria.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Munson Ave. and Garfield Rd. in Traverse City, go north on M-37 about 6 miles to Bluff Rd. Turn right on Bluff Rd. and go 3.2 miles; house is on the right.

