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**gOLD LIST 2022**





Christopher Peacock and his design team created custom cabinetry, hardware and paint for this Edwardsville, Illinois, kitchen project; the interior design was by Jessie D. Miller.

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# CALMING INFLUENCE

CHRISTOPHER PEACOCK

**What was the inspiration for this serene palette?** A big, beautiful picture window decorates the kitchen, and we didn't want the rest of the space to compete with that focal point, so there was a conscious effort to keep the colors more earthy and muted. We went with a two-tone paint effect for the cabinetry: a lovely olive or sage green on the island and then a warmer gray on the perimeter.

**Walk us through the rest of the design.** The scheme was about making it simple and quiet while keeping it spacious. There wasn't a strong desire to fill the walls with unnecessary cabinetry; rather our focus was on the

materials and finishes. A handmade subway tile with varying shades makes for a beautiful backsplash that provides subtle movement; we avoided anything too shiny and went with brushed and satin nickel hardware.

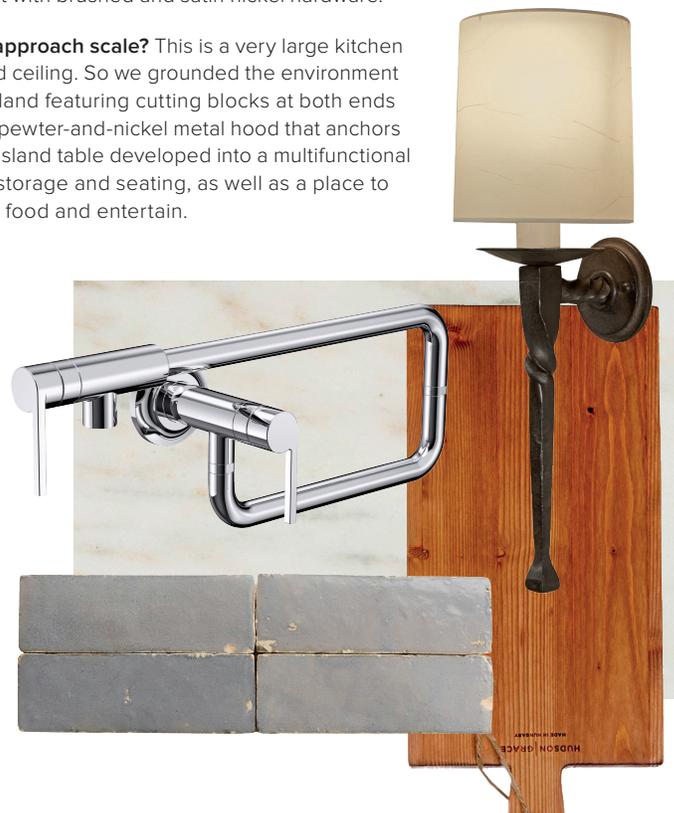
**How did you approach scale?** This is a very large kitchen with a barreled ceiling. So we grounded the environment with a large island featuring cutting blocks at both ends and a custom pewter-and-nickel metal hood that anchors one wall. The island table developed into a multifunctional element with storage and seating, as well as a place to work, prepare food and entertain.

## TOP TAKEAWAY

"The key is to be a good listener, have an inquisitive mind and a holistic or all-encompassing approach. If you watch what happens in most people's kitchens today, it's not kitchen related. It's a gathering space, an entertaining space, a quiet space. Sometimes it's a retreat or a place to relax—it's all these things. We have to understand how the kitchen is being used because this room has matured into the most important space in the home. It's critical to get the design right. Trust the people you're working with—a kitchen renovation is an everlasting project." [peacockhome.com](http://peacockhome.com)

La Jolla Scone, [paulferrante.com](http://paulferrante.com). Wood Farmtable Plank, [hudsongracesf.com](http://hudsongracesf.com). Zellige Silver Tile, [cletile.com](http://cletile.com). Danby Marble Tile, [artistictile.com](http://artistictile.com). Juxtapose Pot Filler, [kallista.com](http://kallista.com).

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# CIN-CIN!

HIGH-DESIGN BAR SPACES  
TOP CLIENTS' WISH LISTS.

“A hand-painted, high-gloss cabinetry color was customized around the wallcovering in this Short Hills, New Jersey, project. We always ask and try to push our clients to do something a little more unexpected in smaller spaces. The outcome was beautiful.”

—CHRISTOPHER PEACOCK

“The client had an impressive collection of vintage glassware and entertained a lot, so from the very beginning of our conversation we knew the bar would be an important component. The homeowner was drawn to the vibrant color and stone elements.

The resulting happy mix is truly a reflection of her.”

—MATTHEW QUINN



“This Stamford, Connecticut, jewel of a room is both a wet bar and wine room, as well as a butler’s pantry. The homeowner fell in love with the tiger maple wood, while the high-gloss ceiling and its reflective quality make the room feel deceptively large.”

—SARAH BLANK

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