

STYLE WATCH

# A Berkshires kitchen makeover melds modern and rustic

The designer creates a fresh, lodge-like feel to satisfy the home owners' divergent tastes.



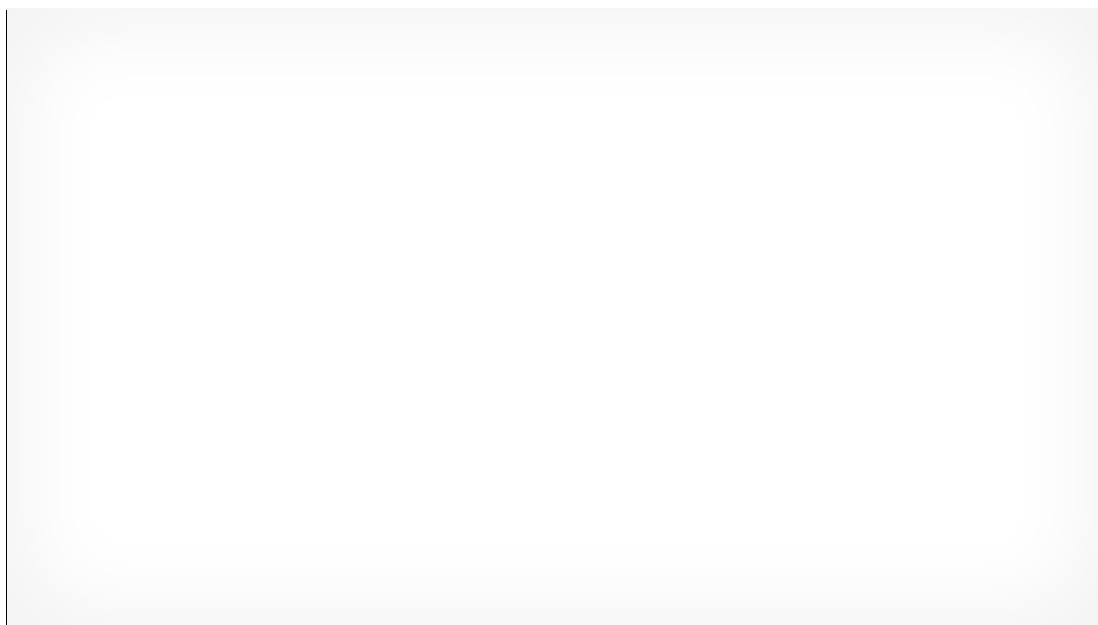
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Like many couples, the owners of this home in the Berkshires have different tastes in design. “He wanted a mountain lodge feel and she wanted a clean, modern style,” says designer Jess Cooney, who is based in Great Barrington. Cooney assured the couple that she could transform the house into a retreat they would both adore. She started with the interior architecture, removing moldings and archways to create a clean canvas. In the kitchen, she chose white painted maple cabinetry in a simple Shaker style, opting for overlay construction (which leaves part of the frame visible) to save on cost. Custom rustic details deliver the lodge-like look the husband desired. Cooney says, “The house is perched up high, with beautiful mountain views, so I felt confident we could achieve what they envisioned.”

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**1** On the **walls**, stone pavers with a pale blue glaze look shiny and feel rough. They connect the clean lines and smooth surface of the cabinetry with the room’s rustic wood accents.

**2** The cabinetmaker built a custom wood enclosure for the **range hood** insert to match the island base and pair of dark-wood cabinet doors. “It’s a simple way to add interest in the kitchen,” says Cooney.