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# FAMILY TIES

Five striking kitchens designed with durability in mind.

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The pendant is from Arteriors.

Durability was a mandate, so the designer chose a vinyl wallpaper...

...and indoor-outdoor fabrics that can be easily cleaned.

This nook in the kitchen of a Boston brownstone serves as the only dining area in the home, so the table can expand to seat twelve. The wallpaper is from Holly Hunt, and the Kravet chairs are upholstered in Perennials indoor-outdoor fabric.

## MODERN ROMANCE

**When a couple with two young children purchased** this late-nineteenth-century Boston brownstone mid-renovation, they chose to retain the original design team, which included architecture firm Embarc and Daher Interior Design. One of the most eye-catching architectural changes can be enjoyed from the kitchen: to make the home feel more open and contemporary,

the rear facade is now glass. “The buyers were impressed with the volume of space,” says architect Clayton Daher, who worked on the project while at Embarc and has since joined his mother, Paula, at her interiors firm. “It’s an entertainer’s dream.” Indeed, the clients love to cook and host, so the kitchen is complete with a functional island, a double oven, two refrigerators, and a separate wine fridge. An arched nook



Awash in neutrals and texture, the kitchen’s cabinetry is stained, wire-brushed oak, the flooring is white oak, and the countertops are brushed Caribbean Island marble.

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—INTERIOR DESIGNER  
PAULA DAHER

with banquette seating serves as the main dining area in the home. “Even though this is an eat-in kitchen, we wanted to elevate the dining area and bring a sense of formality to the space,” says Paula Daher. “The table can be turned and extended to accommodate twelve for a sophisticated dinner party.”

**ARCHITECTURE:**  
Embarc

**INTERIOR DESIGN:**  
Daher Interior  
Design

**BUILDER:**  
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