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# heartwarming kitchen

**THIS KITCHEN IS SO WARM AND INVITING THAT IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES  
OF GRANDMA BAKING YOUR FAVORITE PIE.**

When it came time to remodel the kitchen in their turn-of-the-century farmhouse, Jeanne and Mark Finlay knew that a country kitchen was best-suited to their historical house, as well as to their family lifestyle. "This is our gathering spot," Jeanne says, "and we wanted the kitchen to feel like it's always been there." Drawing on recollections of sitting around the table while Grandma prepared the



evening meal, the Finlays designed a kitchen that captures the right spirit without sacrificing state-of-the-art function.

Their first course of action was to rework the floor plan. By adding a mere 3½ feet, the Finlays were able to accommodate a sunny eating area that's within talking distance of the kitchen's work triangle. Next, they designed a long, storage-filled center island as the kitchen's main

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