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# Kitchen & Bath Design

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Connecticut kitchens and baths that are a beautiful union of style and utility.



## CREDITS

**Architectural design:** Glenn Smith, Residential Engineering + Design

**Interior design:** Dalia Canora, Dalia Canora Design

**Builder:** Danny and Eamonn Fay

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## A Dash of Panache

☞ Dalia Canora is the first to admit that, as appealingly timeless as white can be, an all-white kitchen runs the risk of being boring. The expansive kitchen she designed for a young Darien family, however, is anything but dull. Yes, the large (about 865 square feet) space is predominantly white.

But judicious use of color, as in the warm gray-blue of the island and the blend of blues and whites in the mosaic backsplash, adds a welcome spark. So, too, do touches like the big, bold, pierced-metal pendants that illuminate the island. The streamlined faux-leather stools are hydraulic, so even the littlest kid can belly up to the island with no fuss. The area also holds a dining table that seats ten, a nook with a sofa

and a piano, a bar where the husband stores his wine collection, a den for TV watching, a built-in banquette for impromptu napping, and a built-in desk. The wall above the desk sports a magnetic Pollack wallpaper that stands in for corkboard, helping the family keep track of activities and appointments. “The room satisfies so many functions,” Canora says, “but it’s still spacious and uncluttered.” All that, and beautiful, too.