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# Enduring design

Traditional kitchens don't date – but they do evolve. Homeowners today are opting for warm colors and cabinetry that has the look of furniture

While it may seem a contradiction to talk of new trends in traditional design, most kitchen designers acknowledge that changing tastes influence their work.

One of the most noticeable trends is the increasing size of kitchens – and they're not just places to prepare food. More and more people are entertaining in the kitchen, which has led to a move away from a strictly functional design approach, says designer Lisa Steinbach Schecter of Kitchens on Montana.

"Beautiful furniture and furnishings are often combined with antique accessories, including chandeliers. In some homes, it's almost as though the living room has moved into the kitchen," she says.

"We are also seeing more freestanding furniture pieces in the kitchen, and cabinetry designed to give this impression. Similarly, mixing cabinets that have different finishes is a growing trend."

Schecter says themed kitchens are still in demand, and range from traditional French, English and Tuscan styles, to

early Cape Cod and Americana designs.

"Homeowners often want to re-create the look of a particular period, right down to the details," she says. "Designs are also chosen to reflect the style of the house. For example, there is a strong Mediterranean influence in many California homes, and that is reflected in their kitchens."

Rutt of Atlanta designer Jere Bowden CKD says many of her clients are favoring a transitional style.

"Although still traditional, it's a cleaner, more pared-down look," she says. "There



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*Facing page:* Superior Wood Products made the cabinetry in this kitchen designed by Premier Trade Group, New Jersey. Ornate scrollwork on the hood and island give it an individual look.

*Above, left:* Inset panel doors with applied mouldings and beadings add interest in this kitchen designed by Julian Kitchens in Chicago. Cabinets with a paint and glazed finish contrast with the stained mahogany of the island.

*Above and left:* Conceptual Kitchens and Architectural Millwork of Indiana designed this kitchen and Superior manufactured the cabinetry.

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