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Client request: A family from Connecticut with three children wanted a simple, informal design

decorated in blue and white for their vacation home in Tequesta.

The result: A window seat was added so the kids can sit there while someone is cooking. The island, with a Calcutta gold marble top, contrasts with the perimeter concrete countertops. The large curved top resembles a table and seats five with counter-height chairs.

Trends: Large pendant lighting, top cabinets with glass for display, subway tiles and dark wood floor that contrast with the white cabinetry, a return to stainless-steel appliances instead of those integrated with the same doors as the cabinetry.

Advice: "A kitchen needs to be fun and functional," Armour says. "We spend so much time there that it needs to be as wonderful as the rest of the house."



This vacation home in Tequesta features a larger island that functions as a table to seat the family. The stools have lower backs to preserve the view. Trends include the display cabinets on top of the storage areas, dark wood floors and concrete countertops in the work areas.

