

INCREDIBLE KITCHENS

Entertaining EVERYONE

How to get the grandkids to come over more often? Open a restaurant-grade kitchen by your pool. *By Kaitlin Menza*

Going Gray

A cool **Caesarstone** countertop along the perimeter of this Long Island, New York, kitchen by Workshop/APD echoes concrete surfaces near the pool, and will weather anything the owners' grandkids throw at it. **Countertops:** **Hem**. **Paint:** Ammonite, Farrow & Ball. **Lights:** **WAC Lighting** (cans) and **Hennepin Made** (pendants). **Faucet:** **Dornbracht**. **Hood:** **RangeCraft**. **Fridge:** **Sub-Zero**. **Tile:** **Fireclay Tile**.

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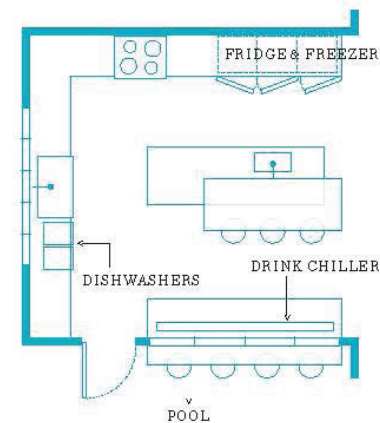


WE KEPT CALLING IT “going to camp,” says Matt Berman, the cofounder of New York City-based design firm Workshop/APD, of his clients’ new poolhouse at their Long Island home. “They wanted to create a place where their kids and their grandkids would want to come all summer, like, ‘Let’s go to grandma and grandpa’s. We have fun there!’”

To turn the property into party central, Berman and his team dreamed up an open-air poolhouse featuring a modern kitchen and ample space to lounge and play games. Bifold windows that separate the outdoor bar and cooking area can be drawn completely open, so damp kiddos can pad up for a snack and cold drink.

While the palette is dominated by marine blues, the kitchen materials skew organic. “We talk about the ‘hand’ of a material the way people talk about the hand of a fabric,” the designer says. The gray marble has “so much energy in it,” while the navy subway tile is glazed in a way that lends luster and depth: “It doesn’t feel too machined. It’s got a little bit of texture.”

Grandkids might have been the inspiration, but now, says Berman, the couple “lives by” the pool—and uses this kitchen exclusively during the summer months.



Warm Surfaces
“Ceilings are often the forgotten plane,” says Berman. His team placed wide panels of white oak along the ceilings, then punctuated them with slim black canister lights over task areas. **Sofa and coffee table:** custom, Workshop/APD, fabricated by Naula. **Wallcovering:** Calico.



Open Bar

With the windows folded open, adults can keep an eye on swimming kids—and easily pass through snacks. Drinks are sunk into a slim trough cut into the countertop and stocked with ice. **Pendants:** Lightology. **Chairs:** Janus et Cie. **Hardware:** Rocky Mountain Hardware.

Grab-and-Go Shelves

“Upper cabinets make a kitchen look like a kitchen,” Berman laments. “They always feel heavy to me.” Readily available plates and glasses are more convenient for guests. **Tile:** Fireclay Tile. **Cabinets:** custom, Duffner & Voight, in Ammonite, Farrow & Ball. **Flooring:** custom-cut cleft bluestone tiles.



Mini Backsplash
Extending the countertop just a few inches up the wall corrals spills but lets the tile shine.

Uncluttered Dishes
Berman says simple glass wine and drinking glasses “will always look good” on open shelves.

Modern Paneling
Overlay cabinet doors in beadboard “give it a little bit of that beachy, casual vibe,” says Berman.