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Best Professional Kitchen

CHERYL HAMILTON-GRAY
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JURORS' NOTES

- "A comfortable sensation comes from the eclectic mix of warm, familiar elements from previously popular styles orchestrated in a fresh approach and the timeless use of such materials as bricks, rustic timbers and age-old hammered copper.
- A sensitive use of concrete countertops blends in with the adjacent richly textured materials by providing a smooth transition between them. A rest for your eye before you feast on the next surprise." — juror Lena Brion.



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OPPOSITE: Stacked stone walls and wood vigas, island and stools create a rustic environment in this Cardiff-by-the-Sea residence.

ABOVE: Bamboo plywood cabinets and wood doors are among the sustainable and recyclable elements in the Santa Fe-style kitchen.

Feast of Ideas

Every view of this Santa Fe-style kitchen has something interesting for the eye to explore," says Kitchens of the Year contest juror Lindsay Sholdar. "An unexpected mix of finishes allows the kitchen to look as though it has evolved organically over a number of well-traveled years."

Another unexpected fact is the materials used by Cheryl Hamilton-Gray in this Cardiff-by-the-Sea kitchen are either sustainable or recyclable. The walls are covered with stacked stone, the hood is hammered copper, the countertops are concrete and the cabinets "plyboo" — bamboo plywood.

This contemporary palette contrasts nicely with the exposed joinery of the wood-slatted island surface and the rustic textures of the reclaimed dark lumber used for the vigas, doors, furniture and floors.

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