





In the kitchen, Michael let go of his period criteria and created a state-of-the-art cooking center. A pale yellow tile wall is the backdrop for a full-size, professional-grade oven, and dark green granite countertops frame the stainless-steel appliances. An island topped with honed marble stands at the center of the room. It looks "like a separate piece that's been bought and brought in—like an antique that didn't quite match, but felt like a natural part of the space," Michael says.

Upstairs in the master bedroom, a limestone fireplace adds Mediterranean style to the room, and light green plasterwork creates a serene and calming

**LEFT:** The honed marble-covered island in the kitchen serves as a comfortable breakfast area and accommodates casual meals.

**ABOVE:** To create the dining room's coffered ceiling, the homeowner applied plaster on top of 2x4-inch wood planks.