



### No Walls Allowed

Several small rooms, a porch, and a laundry area used to be where this Great Falls kitchen now stands. The owners wanted architect Susan Pierce of Vienna's Commonwealth Home Remodelers to eliminate all interior walls in the living room/dining room/kitchen area, raise the ceiling, and add wood beams.

Taking the French Provincial style as inspiration, they also wanted a variety of textures, colors, and surfaces—thus the white, black, and natural-wood cabinetry and the countertops made from maple and marble.

The maple cupboards in the left of the top photo provide a visual barrier between kitchen and dining room; when you face the fireplace, the living room is to your back. A door to the left of the fireplace leads to the bedrooms in this one-story house.

To the right of the refrigerator, a small door pulls down to hide a built-in coffee-maker, and the cabinets on the opposite side of the room contain an icemaker and wine cooler.

The island is much longer than in most kitchens, Pierce says, and there's room for chairs at the end near the fireplace.



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