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Splurge on light fixtures over the kitchen island. Let them be your kitchen's wow factor.

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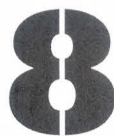
Eric Olsen and Brooke Shepherdson were tasked with turning a dark and dated kitchen into a bright and cheerful space for gathering. Together with the client, they shared a vision: A contemporary take on a farm kitchen. But in order to realize that soaring barn-like feel, the compartmentalized space needed to be opened up. “We demolished the walls dividing the kitchen, hallway and dining area, added a skylight and raised the ceilings as much as possible,” Shepherdson

says. To marry agrarian and contemporary aesthetics, they combined Shaker-style cabinets with clean-lined Caesarstone countertops. The family loves to entertain, so dining furniture was a consideration. “We thought about putting in a center island and incorporating a banquette, but opted for a large table for its versatility,” Shepherdson says. “It can be used for prepping food, feeding the kids and spreading out for homework and art projects.” —*Kira Coplin*



White Out

Made of whitewashed wooden slats, the **L-WCYL chandelier** from Vagabond Vintage add a dose of dramatic texture to the room; vagabondvintage.com.



Use materials that you are not afraid to cook on.



Moody Hue

The cabinets are painted with **Benjamin Moore's Soot**, trading the image of an all-white barn for something darker; benjaminmoore.com.

Farm Feast

The petite, Thonet-inspired **Madeleine side chairs** let a crowd saddle up to the kitchen table; restorationhardware.com.



Experiment with an atypical cabinetry color.