



An Apothecary Kitchen Design

An impressive old cabinet with a zillion drawers is the focus of a vintage kitchen.

Photos by Gridley + Graves

This Georgia kitchen was published, in 2017, in our sister publication *Early Homes*. We get a huge response every time we rerun the photos on our website or on social media. What's not to love about a nostalgic farmhouse kitchen with salvaged elements and authenticity?

The original house, built in the 1950s, had been a modest lake cabin. The remodeling kept the original layout of the main living space, including a fireplace next to the kitchen. Today's kitchen is nicely laid out with zones for storage, food prep, and cleanup. The apothecary piece is a pine drugstore counter from the early 1920s. Each drawer was individually made and numbered. Underneath, what had been space for cola-mix equipment now holds a wine rack. Large drawers hold equipment for cooking and grilling; small drawers store everything from nuts and bolts to office supplies. The long wood counter makes a generous buffet.

Salvaged materials continued to guide design. The flooring and exposed beams are heart pine salvaged from a building in Athens, Georgia. A 3' x 3' cypress butcher block is antique, too. Large brass handles salvaged from old doors act as towel racks. —*Patricia Poore*



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1. THE FOCAL POINT

Discovery of a 1920s drugstore counter cued the design of the kitchen. On display are glass canisters, a brass mortar and pestle, and a porcelain kitchen scale, all vintage, part of a collection assembled over years in Georgia, Florida, and the Carolinas.

2. PAINT & SALVAGE

New cabinets have a painted finish, setting off the unpainted antique. The kitchen is well zoned with spaces for storage, preparation, and cleanup.

Not only the big cabinet but also the beams, flooring, and doors are salvage. Much of the lighting, glass, hardware, and kitchen equipment is vintage.



3. GREAT FUNCTION

The massive apothecary cabinet forms a divider between the kitchen and the entry, creating a foyer. (A separate, good-size pantry is located at far left.) The room flows into a breakfast area furnished with an antique church pew and freestanding furniture.



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The 'Cora' 42" porcelain on cast iron farmhouse sink with a drainboard is from Vintage Tub & Bath.

It can be mounted to the wall or in a cabinet. Overall dimensions are about 42 W x 16 H x 21 D; \$1,480. vintagetub.com



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