

KITCHEN FOR ENTERTAINING

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Fun on Lake Charlevoix



On any given weekend, you will find the recently remodeled Crete cottage filled with family and dear friends. McBride Construction, Inc. is proud of the work we did that created this fun, bright, open and fully functional space for the Crete's. We are pleased to be able to share peeks of the home with you. *(continued on page 4)*



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Would you love to entertain and cook in your kitchen, but the space is not designed to make that possible? Perhaps your kitchen is closed off and too confining for more than one person. First of all, designing a kitchen with an open floor plan that integrates seamlessly with your dining and living areas can help make it the perfect location for get-togethers.

Dividing an open kitchen into multiple work zones—such as food prep, cooking, serving and clean up—makes all kinds of sense for entertaining. Since each zone includes all the equipment necessary for completing specific tasks, it will be easier for others to assist you. Pull-out storage systems help you keep everything organized and accessible within the various zones so your countertops can be more clutter-free. A butler's pantry will conceal those tasks that get a little messy—things you do not want your guests to see. A sink and dishwasher in the butler's pantry permits a quick clean up while the party is still going.

For entertaining large groups you should outfit your kitchen with plenty of heavy duty appliances so you can prepare and serve multiple dishes concurrently. Seriously consider an induction cooktop because of its powerful output and because it adds scant heat to your kitchen. Induction offers a safer environment for guests since the cooktop remains relatively cool to the touch. You could add an Incogneeto induction warmer that instantly turns your kitchen countertop into an extra burner when needed. Install a ventilation system that is appropriate for the size of your cooktop



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so that smoke and grease are cleared from the air before particles attach to the upholstery or your guests' clothing. If your cooktop is located in your island, a downdraft vent that lowers out of sight when not in use offers uninterrupted vistas. Double wall ovens allow you to cook different dishes simultaneously, while a warming drawer keeps food at the proper temperature until you wish to serve it. A sink workstation can transform your island into a convenient buffet. Drinks may be kept on ice at this workstation, or in a separate location you could install a beverage station with a coffeemaker and a combination wine and beer cooler.

Keep traffic and conversation flow in mind as you plan your kitchen gathering space. Your guests should have sufficient room to move around without getting food knocked out of their hands. Allow at least 48 inches for aisle width, which also creates work space for more than one cook. Seating at the island should be across from the work area so you can talk with your friends, but they won't get in your way. You will want optimal task and ambient lighting in the kitchen, but also include accent lighting to help create a pleasant mood. Comfortable soft seating close by will provide even more opportunity for your guests to mingle while they are in the kitchen. Integrating your open kitchen with an outdoor living space helps increase your entertainment space. By utilizing the same styles and finishes in both the indoor and outdoor area, the space will flow smoothly as one.



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The Power of Touch

On-Off

You want to wash your hands, since they are full of shaving cream or sticky hair gel. But when you turn on your bathroom faucet, your messy hands leave unsightly marks on the handle!

With the Talis Select by Hansgrohe you no longer need to grasp a handle. This sleek faucet is activated by gently pressing down on a button at the top. Use your wrist, elbow or arm—whichever is your cleanest appendage at the moment. The faucet is available in different heights to provide just the right amount of clearance between it and your sink.

Open-Close

You have a stack of clean dishes in your hands, ready to deposit into a kitchen drawer. But then you realize you cannot pull the drawer open when your hands are full!

A drawer system from Blum called Tip-On Blumotion makes the impossible possible. Tip-On is a mechanical, not electric, opening support system which lets you simply touch the drawer front to open the drawer. Blumotion softly and silently closes the drawer with a light push. Both work together to enhance the opening and closing of drawers in kitchens and throughout the home.



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BARN DOOR TRENDS

Sliding barn doors have become an important trend in residential interior design. One reason for their popularity is the wide variety of textures and colors this type of door can add to a space. A rustic weather-beaten wood barn door brings character to a room because of its authentic patina and rich wood tones. It will provide a striking contrast in a slick, modern setting. A newly minted barn door painted a bright color offers warmth and personality in a traditional interior. Today's barn doors are not limited to wood, either. For a unique look they may be constructed from materials such as metal, fiberglass, and frosted glass. The barn door hanger and track system can be exposed for a more industrial look, or hidden in a fascia for a finished appearance. A



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sliding barn door can be the focal point of any room, making a powerful statement with its unusual design, finish, or hardware.

If you are looking for ways to increase usable space in a room, a sliding barn door is a practical option. A standard hinged door requires eight to ten square feet of floor space to swing open. This is basically wasted space in your home, since nothing else—such as a chair or table—can occupy that same floor space. A barn door uses no floor space, except for the footprint of the door itself as it slides alongside the wall. Keep in mind, however, that a sliding door requires wall space adjacent to the doorway. Furniture may be placed beside the barn door without interfering with the door's operation. In a home with an open floor plan, sliding barn doors can be used to close off separate areas when privacy is desired.

Unlike a pocket door, a sliding barn door is mounted on the outside of the wall. It is an ideal solution for walls constructed of concrete block or brick, or for wood-framed walls containing pipes or wiring.



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The bright and airy kitchen features tons of prep space, a large, whimsically shaped island with plenty of seating and a cozy, built-in banquette complete with cottage beadboard accents. During the remodel, we removed a wall and today the kitchen opens into the living room where the stunning floor-to-ceiling fireplace steals the show. We built beautiful bookcases on either side of the fireplace to display sentimental items and house media equipment. Downstairs, just inside the door that leads to the lake, you will find a snack bar to ensure no one goes hungry on the boat.

Each of the bathrooms were also included in the remodel and were given a special theme and unique tile in the shower/tub area.

Additional photos of this project can be found on our website at McBrideConstructionInc.com in the Whole House Remodeling section of our Galleries. The cottage’s exterior and stunning deck will be featured in a later edition of the McBride newsletter.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the information provided in this newsletter do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to provide further information. You can reach us at 231.348.2749