



KITCHEN + BATH

BUILDING BLOCKS

THE MOST INSPIRING KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS IMPART A THOUGHTFUL BALANCE OF MATERIALS, AS BEAUTIFUL AS THEY ARE FUNCTIONAL.

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With so many stunning surfaces, patterns and finishing touches available for the kitchen and bath, creating a cohesive materials palette can take you on an exciting journey of discovery in the home. But how to mix and match the ever-growing range of options to harmonious effect? For this story, we've curated some exceptional examples of kitchens and baths that rely on unexpected material combinations for drama and interest. The kitchen shown here, for example, juxtaposes polished and matte textures in a seamless composition made to cater to the needs of a large family. Our roundup of bathrooms on the preceding pages, too, provides picture-perfect inspiration on how to fuse rustic and industrial, farmhouse and modern styles. Read on for insight straight from the pros on how to materialize the home of your dreams.

In this Los Angeles kitchen collaboration by Cooper Pacific Kitchens and Pauline Moghavam Interiors, the brick barrel-vault ceiling brings an old-world feel to the mix of otherwise contemporary finishes, from the stainless steel of the Miele wall ovens and the polished-nickel hardware to the Black Phantom leathered-stone countertops and the custom-finished cherry islands.



A La Cornue range sets the tone for layering in elements such as antique blackened steel on the custom range hood and Opal White natural quartzite on the backsplash and perimeter countertops.

KITCHEN FUSION

STEVEN COOPER

Just as the right combination of flavors can set apart one's cuisine, an aesthetic blend of materials can do the same in a kitchen build or remodel. With that in mind, we tapped the expertise of Cooper Pacific Kitchens' Steven Cooper, whose attention to detail helps him create luxury kitchens that are worthy of being the home's main course. Read below as he discusses his strategy for crafting this efficient-yet-beautiful kitchen designed in collaboration with interior designer Pauline Moghavem. cooperpacific.com

What was your main goal for this space?

To create a handsome, functional kitchen for a large family with many areas for prep, serving and seating at a secondary island. We also wanted to incorporate an interesting mix of materials that worked with Pauline's strong design sensibility throughout the home.

Tell us about your approach to using an array of materials. Really, we look for ways to establish a consistent thread between the materials running throughout the space. The conversation between polished and matte textures should have purpose in its intention. Committing to bringing that story throughout the entire space, to balancing each element's importance, is what makes a mix of styles successful.

How do you select finishes and fixtures?

We love drama! It's important to consider, though, how each material will perform around the elements it will certainly encounter, including water, oil, light, heat and fingerprints. For instance, a sink area will be heavily exposed to water, so that would mean a porous material might not be the best option for that space.