

KITCHENS WE LOVE: Classic Santa Fe



This gorgeous kitchen is a clear case of function meeting form. Outfitted with high-end appliances, an extra sink in the huge island, and all of the bells and whistles that help facilitate entertaining and cooking for a large family, it nevertheless feels homey, warm, and inviting.

family affair

When his parents, Ruthe and Ken Coleman, decided to renovate their historic Santa Fe adobe, Scott Coleman, the founder of La Puerta Originals and its creative director, was naturally tasked with designing their kitchen. After all, Scott, his four brothers, and their families always gathered at their parents' house for holiday meals, so figuring out how to accommodate a huge crowd (and keep everyone busy) was an entirely practical concept. Ruthe and Ken, who sadly have passed away, were adamant that their new kitchen be a traditional "La Puerta" design—one filled with artisan-crafted woodwork made from mostly reclaimed wood. Indeed, with the exception of the flooring, all of the wood in this kitchen is reclaimed, from the Douglas fir cabinets and countertops to the antique corbels and columns of the gracious hood (see page 14 for more about this functional work of art). The massive island did indeed keep all visitors on task during holidays—and so did Ruthe. Melissa Coleman, Scott's wife and president of the company, remembers fondly, "Ruthe reigned supreme in her kitchen. It was the wonderful, warm heart of their home."

Kitchen Design + Woodwork: La Puerta Originals, lapuertaoriginals.com; Appliances: Sierra West Sales