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Polished concrete countertops, a crystal chandelier, and French-inspired chairs add to the mix of European styles in the Dwans' kitchen.

## A Family Affair **All gather 'round in this kitchen's comfortable charm**



**A** plaque hangs in the Dwans' entryway: "Home is where your story begins." The simple sentiment captures the essence of Thom and Jeanne Dwan's objectives when planning their custom home. "I want my home to be aesthetically pleasing, but it's important that it work for our family and not just be like a model home," Jeanne explains. With that vision in mind, the couple created the floor plan for a home that would be a refuge for family—a place with spaces that embrace each room's use—and then designed the interior and exterior spaces down to the last detail to balance polish and practicality.



Deep rust-colored walls and a silver tea service contribute to the drama and charm of this butler's pantry.



Jeanne and Thom Dwan

**FROM THE JUDGES:**  
It's simple, functional, organic, and appropriate.



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Keeping their focus on family, the Dwans designed their kitchen, family room, and breakfast nook as one large open space. "I had a house before where the kitchen was completely separate—I didn't like that feeling of being isolated from my family," Jeanne says. The great room, in turn, opens

onto a patio stretching the width of the house, creating easy access to outside relaxing and dining, with inspiring views of the Santa Catalinas.

**Design highlights**

The heart of the Dwans' home beats steadily in its kitchen. "It's the room where we spend most

of our time together, so it was important for it to be laid out well for the way we live," Jeanne explains. For example, the Dwans also love to entertain. "I didn't want my guests to see the mess I usually make in the kitchen," Jeanne laughs. A butler's pantry presented the perfect solution, creating an easy flow from the formal dining and

living rooms into the kitchen while providing a space where Jeanne can display the dishes and trays collected for more than 20 years (a habit she says is either a fetish or an illness). In addition to these passive functions, the butler's pantry makes for a perfect serving station when mixing drinks or pouring wine for guests.