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MIX IT UP

Taking the Sherwin-Williams Picnic green color from the walls into the glass-front cabinets creates a vibrant backdrop for Brown's eclectic objects: silver bowls, antique Asian plates inherited from her mother, old cookbooks, small pictures, and, of course, the china. The key to displaying collections? "Keep it asymmetrical," Caulkins says. "And gather the unexpected."



USE THE GOOD STUFF
Brown's love of family together with her penchant for all things Asian come together in the antique dishes collected by her mother, which give this place setting a lovely personal touch.

BE PRACTICAL—AND PLAYFUL
Honed granite countertops and custom Shaker-style cabinets tie this kitchen together and create a highly functional space. "Aesthetically, we wanted to take it from stodgy to playful," Caulkins says. "But it's not just a show kitchen; it's very useable."



CREATE A HUB
Brown's kitchen is the busiest room in the house. Her five children love to cook and do their homework here, so light is important. To soften and brighten the space, Caulkins swapped out heavy iron light fixtures with earthy Birds Nest Hanging Lamps from Serena & Lily (\$245).

COMBINE GENRES
By adding the whimsical Shine by S.H.O. chandelier (which was custom painted for Brown) over the traditional, New Classics Creations kitchen table, Caulkins skillfully bridged styles and eras, and lightened the mood in the breakfast nook.

FRESH Start

Bold pops of color encourage a family hangout.

AFTER HER DIVORCE, HOLLY BROWN NEEDED TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD in her Polo Club Tudor-inspired home. She tapped interior decorator Ramey Caulkins of Griffin Design Source to help with the transformation, taking the kitchen from boring beige to bright and cheery. "It's evolved as I have," Brown says, scanning her open, light-filled kitchen, which radiates warmth all year with its watermelon green and pink hues. "Paint is the easiest way to remodel," Caulkins says. "If you don't like it, paint it out."

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