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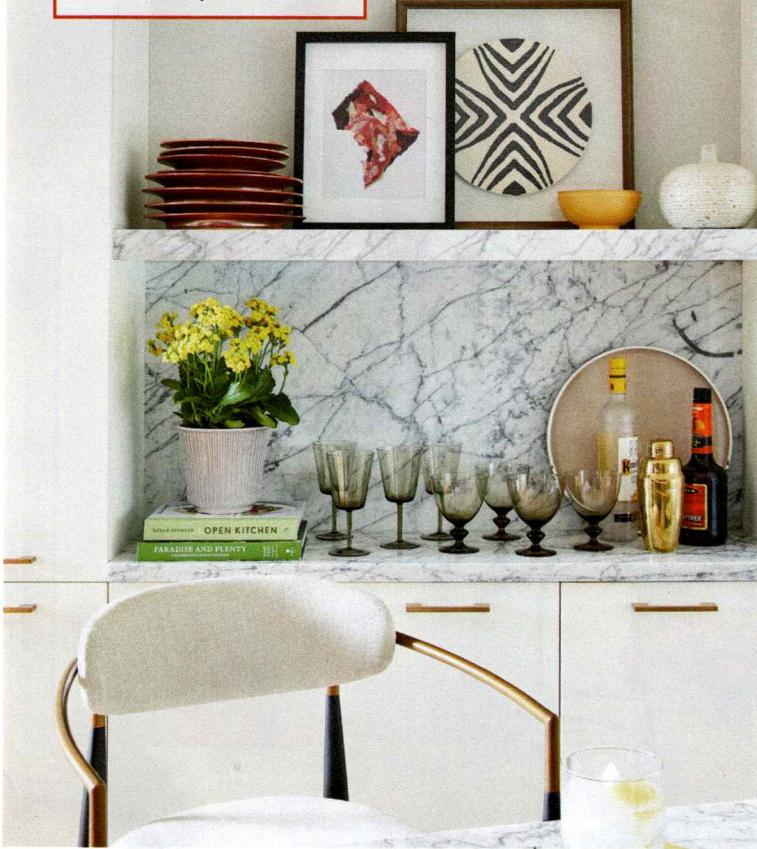
# now she's cooking!

A reno got this Washington, D.C., exec into her kitchen again.



This nine-foot island gives homeowner Pamela Gibbs plenty of room to prep, eat, and entertain.

"I need art everywhere," says Pamela. She outfitted the bar area with a picture light from RH, then added some of her favorite pieces, like this collage from a local artist in the shape of D.C.



“I wanted to keep things clean and simple so it felt relaxing to be in here.”

Floor-to-ceiling cabinets from Elmwood provide tons of storage. “There are places to stash everything so that if last-minute company pops over, I can tuck away my clutter,” Pamela says.

**P**amela Gibbs admits she wasn't much of a cook—until she overhauled her Washington, D.C., kitchen. “It's amazing how much more you want to make things when you have a nice place to do it!” says the homeowner, who went from eating Chinese takeout nightly to searing her own halibut and hosting dinner parties. She bought the house in 2013 from the original owners, but it didn't look like anything had been updated since the 1960s. “It was hard to move around the kitchen because of the choppy layout,” she says. She hired designer Kristen Mendoza to reimagine the space, which involved ditching the dining area in favor of an island big enough to accommodate all her friends, including her entire book club. Now Pamela, who leads a diversity, equity, and inclusion program for a federal government agency, will happily spend her whole day in the space she once avoided. “I never wanted to be in my kitchen before,” she says, “and now I never want to leave.”



A Monogram wine fridge holds more than 50 bottles. “I keep it stocked because my friends love wine, but I'm a Champagne girl,” says Pamela. “Luckily that fits, too!”

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### dish towels

Vintage Red dish towels, \$19 for a mixed set of 5, [diihomestore.com](http://diihomestore.com)



### light

Mouille two-arm 38"-wide ceiling lamp, \$399, [franceandson.com](http://franceandson.com)



### faucet

Brizo Litze kitchen faucet, \$641, [build.com](http://build.com)



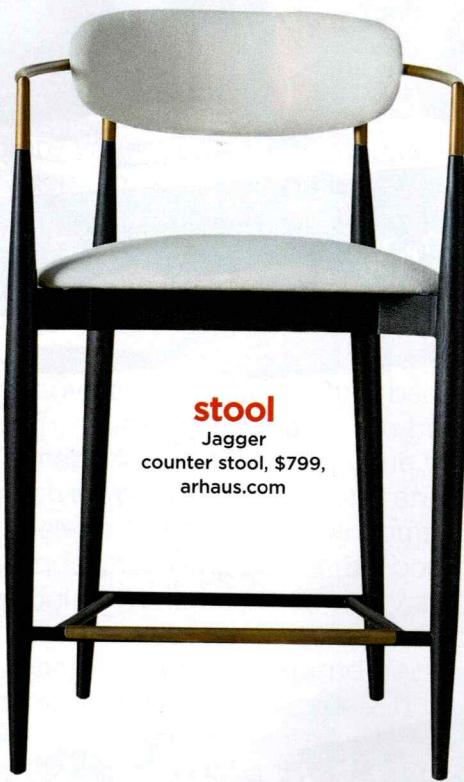
### braiser

3.5-quart braiser, \$350, [lecreuset.com](http://lecreuset.com)



### pepper mill

Greek Mills the Original pepper mill, \$95, [viacoquina.com](http://viacoquina.com)



### stool

Jagger counter stool, \$799, [arhaus.com](http://arhaus.com)

### runner

Highland Dunes Pollux 2'3" x 6' runner, \$76, [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)



### crock

Ebern Designs utensil crock, \$20, [wayfair.com](http://wayfair.com)

### pull

Linear 5" pull, \$14, [topknobs.com](http://topknobs.com) for stores

