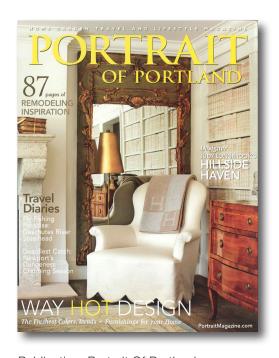
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countertop granite, and a 3" solid maple butcher block with Kohler shine to Sue's choices - a champagne silver Henry Link chest by butler sink. Design Master bar stools from Paul Schatz Furniture Lexington, a round Bernhardt Interiors table to enco



The kitchen – always the heart of any home – is positioned between living and dining areas, with cushy Brisa covered bar stools providing informal dining, or a place to watch the chef at work. Here, Candace chose a travertine tile backsplash set against a custom Stone Gray Viking range, and granite countertops. Traditionally, Sue and Candace begin working together the minute Candace has finalized her inspiration. "Candace shows me samples of her tile flooring, granite, cabinetry, and paint," says Sue. "This year, she also brought sketches of the barrel ceiling, in addition to the house plans."

Taken with the curve of the upstairs banister - part of the staircase that rises from the kitchen past the stunning barrel windows to the retreat - Sue chose four curved-back "Bryn" Sam Moore chairs and a round Caracole coffee table to echo the curving staircase. She finished off the room with playful dashes of yellows and lime green accessories and barstools at the unseen vodka bar. Sue took a risk in the dining room by contrasting Candace's striking choice of horizontal wall coverings with chairs upholstered in an updated abstract fabric in a vertical pattern. "That's not something one would normally do," admits Sue, "but I thought it would add drama, and happily, it worked."

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