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## ISLAND TIME

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Though often described as a workhorse, there's a lot of sophistication to be found in a carefully designed kitchen island. A space that marries form and function—and often serves as a focal point—as the above design by Charlotte-based [Mary Tobias Miller Interior Design](#) shows, with the right mix of elements (statement lighting, anyone?) this multi-use area can be stylish oasis in the busiest room of the house.

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Soothing tones, soaring ceilings, a beautiful single lantern and a statement-making hood make us want to pull up a stool in this space by San Antonio's [M Interiors](#).



With a mix of modern and traditional elements, gleaming pendants, and plenty of texture, this kitchen by Little Rock's [Bear Hill Interiors](#) keeps the eye moving and has an absolutely inviting vibe. The ample island seems like the ideal place to read the paper in the morning or unwind with a glass of wine while contemplating dinner.





Gorgeous black lanterns give weight to a kitchen done in soft, neutral hues by Dallas-based [Laura Lee Clark](#). With plenty of central surface area, there is ample room to prep while a four-person counter offers a place for people to sit and chat while taking in a view of a beautiful backsplash.



Here, Atlanta's [Susan B. Bozeman Designs, Inc.](#) expertly incorporates color in a stunning white kitchen featuring countertops and a backsplash done in Carrara marble. The cool blue grey island marries beautifully with the dark floors, and the lanterns above draw the eye up without obstructing a view of the hood.





Earlier this week, the experts at Minneapolis-based [Martha O'Hara Interiors](#) discussed the do's and don'ts of kitchen island lighting with us, and the above project illustrates their advice—plus the fact that they can create a truly gorgeous kitchen. Beautiful cabinetry, a coffered ceiling, and a spacious chandelier-lit island are just a few of the reasons this space makes us swoon.



Above, Atlanta's [Beth Webb Interiors](#) created the perfect modern rustic kitchen with gorgeous warm wood, exposed beams, sophisticated marble counters and backsplash, and stunning black pendants.





Denver's [Nadia Watts Interior Design](#) provides another example of how incorporating a black element—in this case a black range hood—adds drama and style to a space. Paired with a grey subway backsplash, pale green cabinets, and a dark blue Carrara-topped island with stunning pendants above, the overall effect is a chic mix in a highly functional space.



Again, [Beth Webb Interiors](#) creates a stylish moment with statement lighting in the form of four brass pendants over a beautiful wood island in front of an eye-catching backsplash. The room exudes warmth, while light neutrals and clean lines keep everything feeling fresh.



In a 2013 project that recently went on the market, Houston's Creative Tonic designed an absolutely stunning space featuring white cabinets, brass accents, and a kitchen island punctuated by brass-lined pendants that looks like the ideal place to perch.