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Young at Heart

A lively palette and
convenient features
lend youthful spirit
to a traditional
Victorian kitchen.

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Green stripes
and a few
orange accents
add playful
style to this
remodeled
classic kitchen.

1 Cabinets with simple recessed panels match the character of the original kitchen. Bin pulls and plain knobs add timeless style.

2 The white cabinets create a canvas for layering color and pattern, such as the awning stripe window shades and whimsical hand-painted chandelier shade.

3 White subway tile gets a shot of sparkle and color with glass tile accents. “Light bounces off the tiles and adds to the lightness we wanted to play up,” designer Patrice Bevans says. “It’s a fun way to personalize a white backsplash.”

4 A warming shelf above the range provides extra surface area when cooking big meals. “Having as many components multitasking as possible makes the most of the space,” Bevans says.

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7 Dining chair cushions in the informal eating area take a beating from daily use, but lamination keeps spills from soiling the fabric. Messes wipe up with a damp cloth.



8 A rolling cart masquerades as built-in cabinetry when it's under the counter. But it wheels out to reveal its functionality. A butcher-block top provides extra prep or serving space.

9 New red oak floors in the kitchen match original floors throughout the house. Using the same material creates an easy transition, especially through open doorways.



10 A cabinet with glass doors and a plate rack, *far left*, allows dinnerware to pitch in on the color scheme.

11 Slivers of space get put to use. A pullout pantry next to the built-in refrigerator, *left*, places staples within reach of the primary work space. The family information center is in plain view, yet neatly displayed in a cork-lined niche so it isn't disturbed by daily activity.